

Individual Comments for New York's Draft 1332 Waiver

February 9 – March 11, 2023

- Submitted via Online Survey (pages 2-71)
- Submitted via Email (pages 72-1643)

Individual Name: Juan Rodriguez

Date of Submission: 3/11/2023

Comment:

I'm in favor of the expansion. However, this waiver should also include coverage for undocumented adults that currently only rely on emergency Medicaid. A lot of these undocumented folks are actively contributing to the state's economy by filing taxes every year through an ITIN. Also, Medicaid is already spending millions on emergency Medicaid claims. Not to mention the millions allotted to the Essential Plan programs that are unused and could be alleviating the burden of the Medicaid program on these undocumented individuals.

Individual Name: Rose DiVirgilio

Date of Submission: 3/11/2023

Comment:

In reviewing the Essential Health Plan Premium responsibility, it is not in proportion with what the working class pays for its coverage. Generally health premiums are on average anywhere from \$600-1200 on average for individual coverage, that is not as rich or comprehensive as the EP. Small Employers (with less than 50 FTE) on average contribute anywhere from 25-50% of the premiums. I believe we need to subsidize employer coverage, which on average is 10% less than the individual market. We need to extend and expand the Healthy NY program to allow more employers to take advantage of this program. It is not sustainable to offer a \$15 premium EP to such a large population. Employers need relief on Federal as well as State taxes, NY is becoming an unaffordable place to do business.

Individual Name: smith

Date of Submission: 3/11/2023

Comment:

This could be life saving for many people that are going without coverage like me because my employer has a high deductible only that is very expensive and NYSOH prices are also not affordable for me. So, I just pray I don't get sick and sadly have to take my chances.

Individual Name: Abigail Chapin

Date of Submission: 3/10/2023

Comment:

The essentials plan has kept my family insured through the pandemic when work was scarce and we otherwise would have had to risk living without insurance. Giving more people this opportunity is good for the state and for the country as a whole. Thank you

Individual Name: Allen

Date of Submission: 3/10/2023

Comment:

If this does not pass I will not be able to afford insurance through my employer or the marketplace as a single parent who's trying to work and do the right thing but get screwed in making a decent wage to support my family. The raising of the essential plan eligibly from 200% to 260% would fill that gap for families. I am currently on this Essential plan 1 and I am able to get my medicine and can afford to go to my doctors and dentist for routine care. If this doesn't pass I will most likely not have insurance and would not be able to go to the doctor. I would have to get a second job to pay for medical with or without insurance. Thank you

NYS citizen

Individual Name: Assemblywoman Dana Levenberg

Date of Submission: 3/10/2023

Comment:

Health care is a human right, and all New York communities rely, directly or indirectly, on the contributions of undocumented immigrants. In recognition of these facts, New York spends \$544 million per year on Emergency Medicaid for undocumented residents. It is not clear to me why we would turn down the opportunity to save this money by failing to include undocumented people in our 1332 Waiver application. This is the fiscally responsible way to meet our moral obligations to these New Yorkers. Please revise the application to include undocumented immigrants.

Individual Name: Daryl Bennett

Date of Submission: 3/10/2023

Comment:

This waiver will benefits consumers not previously covered.

I fully support the wavier

thank you

Individual Name: eriel ashurov

Date of Submission: 3/10/2023

Comment:

This would be amazing for the people and would be of great help for many families!

Individual Name: Jesse lee

Date of Submission: 3/10/2023

Comment:

I support this

Individual Name: Mark Romig

Date of Submission: 3/10/2023

Comment:

Illegal immigrants should not have their healthcare paid for by NY taxpayers that are already paying high premiums and deductibles.

Individual Name: Phyllis Tierney

Date of Submission: 3/10/2023

Comment:

The 1332 Waiver provides federal money for Medicaid Assistance up to to 250% of the federal poverty level. Last year the Governor promised to include a waiver request for undocumented immigrants in her budget but she has excluded it in her executive budget for 2024. Under the waiver 250,000 more people could receive assistance with no cost to State or local governments. NYS has already been approved for an Essential Benefit Package. We recognize that the \$9 billion trust fund surplus cannot be used, but going forward, there will be an annual \$2 billion in surplus money which would be available. In 2021 only 128,000 users applied for Emergency Medicaid. This program represents a major savings for New Yorkers of nearly \$500 million dollars because it would be covered by federal money. Two states with smaller populations have already been granted 1332 Waivers. There is no penalty for asking or being denied if the state wishes to place a reasonable cap on the number of persons the Waiver would be asked to cover. In healthcare emergencies such as the COVID Pandemic, it is to the benefit of all New Yorkers to be assured that basic care can be provided to those who are most vulnerable and to the persons responsible for working in our agricultural industries and bringing food to our tables. Their health and safety is essential to protect the health of all!

Individual Name: Edward Miller

Date of Submission: 3/9/2023

Comment:

It needs to cover undocumented immigrants. Fiscally, economically, morally, and just in terms of having a healthy and safe society, it's the right move to make right now.

Individual Name: Carolyn Murray

Date of Submission: 3/7/2023

Comment:

I am not in favor of providing health care, education or housing to people who are here illegally!! My family were also immigrants , worked hard to become citizens and make a life for us all. I implore our government to help your New Yorkers and not people who do not belong here!!!

Individual Name: James Wright

Date of Submission: 3/7/2023

Comment:

Undocumented Immigrants should are not entitled to any taxpayer funded benefits. When they become Documented, obtain a job, start paying taxes like the rest of New York's residents, then they can obtain benefits. It doesn't matter which pocket you take the money from, it still comes out of mine.

Individual Name: June Tanner

Date of Submission: 3/7/2023

Comment:

I do not want my tax dollars paying for undocumented health-care. Only legal citizens should receive help with health-care.

Individual Name: Kathryn Riviello

Date of Submission: 3/6/2023

Comment:

I'm 61 and without health insurance. I make 17 an hour and hardly have enough money to buy food. My job does does not give sick days (as an aide at group home). Will I get health insurance?

Individual Name: Melissa Thomas

Date of Submission: 3/6/2023

Comment:

Sick and tired of this state shoveling out tax dollars to buy votes. Of the almost 90 million US citizens on Medicaid, NY owns 7 Million of them. Those are my tax dollars!! While I diligently choose medical care because it is costly to my budget, 7 million NYers don;t pay a dime. And you want to add the group who is sitting here illegally?? That is a hell no for me.

Individual Name: -

Date of Submission: 3/5/2023

Comment:

Use the money for what us taxpayers are already paying to illegal immigrants out of pocket such as food, housing, etc.

Individual Name: Chris Van Weddinger

Date of Submission: 3/5/2023

Comment:

Just another reason why I'm taking my Ny pension and leaving this state.

Individual Name: Janet Lynn

Date of Submission: 3/5/2023

Comment:

Absolutely NO health care should be provided by the people of the State of New York to "undocumented" aliens. They are ILLEGAL ALIENS, and as such, have ZERO rights to any benefits under US code. You speak of using federal funds to provide these services, where do you think those federal funds come from? They are tax payers' dollars! Use them to ensure American Citizens, especially our Veterans, have proper health insurance! Illegal aliens are already criminals, to wit, they have entered our country illegally! They have no business obtaining any sort of benefit, from driver's licenses, to health care, and most certainly they have zero right to vote in any local, state or federal elections. STOP spending American tax dollars on everybody EXCEPT Americans! Take care of our own. America First!

Individual Name: Jennifer Kinch

Date of Submission: 3/5/2023

Comment:

I was born and raised in NY. As a working mother of 3 working children, we pay a ton of taxes. I've never needed handouts. Nor am I even eligible, because I make *just enough* that I get nothing. I only give. I spent January and February without health insurance because I changed jobs and I couldn't afford the premiums on NYS Marketplace. When I became sick I had a nasal swab to check for flu/vid/RSV. Yesterday in the mail was a lab bill for \$500 for that swab! Now you want me to approve free insurance for those who've never contributed to the tax system?? Such a slap in my face. I'm so sick of all the handouts that are breaking my family and friends and fellow community members.

Individual Name: Kimberly DiLeo

Date of Submission: 3/5/2023

Comment:

I think it's shameful to extend healthcare and federal aid to illegal immigrants

Individual Name: Margaret Folk

Date of Submission: 3/5/2023

Comment:

There are too many America's who are suffering in New York with high prices on rents food heating help them first with extra monies that you say will not affect taxes. How do you think you got the money in the first place. It came from citizens paying taxes.

Individual Name: Patricia Hunter

Date of Submission: 3/5/2023

Comment:

I was born in the USA in the state of New York. I can't afford health insurance .

Provide free Healthcare for citizens of this country if you have a surplus of money. If theres any left , give it to the undocumented immigrants. Provide coverage for taxpayers first.

Individual Name: Tracy Curran

Date of Submission: 3/5/2023

Comment:

Please explain exactly where the funds originated. The explanation of where the funds originated is vague and the fact using these funds will not cost tax payers anything is also concerning. Additionally the method being used to notify ALL New York State residents of this public waver even exists is questionable. Lastly ALL New York State residents should have the same opportunity to receive these benefits when using federal or state funded resources

Individual Name: -

Date of Submission: 3/3/2023

Comment:

Expanding eligibility will greatly benefit low income earners. Qualified health plans through the market place is still largely unaffordable for many considering the high deductibles and out of pocket costs. Increased premium tax credits do not balance out the true costs of health care.

Individual Name: Bethsy Morales

Date of Submission: 3/3/2023

Comment:

I oppose any waiver without immigrant inclusion.

Individual Name: Lewis Marshall MD

Date of Submission: 3/3/2023

Comment:

I practice medicine in NYC and this waiver will benefit many New Yorkers and help them to improve their health.

Individual Name: Cathy Soles

Date of Submission: 3/1/2023

Comment:

I think it will be a wonderful thing. I make just slightly too much to qualify for the Essential Plan, so I'm stuck with a Bronze plan which covers nothing until the deductible is met. With rent, food, insurance and my 7 prescriptions I am left broke at the end of the month. Please pass this!

Individual Name: Rita Kurniawan

Date of Submission: 3/1/2023

Comment:

I demand that the waiver be amended to include all New Yorkers, regardless of immigration status!

Individual Name: Sara Ray

Date of Submission: 2/28/2023

Comment:

I oppose any waiver that doesn't include immigrants

Individual Name: Matt Flynn

Date of Submission: 2/27/2023

Comment:

I oppose any waiver without immigrant inclusion

Individual Name: Omar Muhamed

Date of Submission: 2/27/2023

Comment:

I think it's very important that New Yorkers receive access to high quality healthcare at an affordable price. 1332 waiver would be amazing and would help me immensely as well as other New Yorkers in gaining healthcare coverage that is otherwise unaffordable. I really hope it is passed very soon as it is an amazing opportunity to get access to healthcare. Healthcare should be affordable and accessible for everyone, regardless of income. This will be a huge step towards equity in healthcare. I look forward to this waiver being passed.

Individual Name: Kathleen ingrassia

Date of Submission: 2/26/2023

Comment:

Without this waiver and income limit increase for the essential plan I will have no insurance. I will lose my Medicaid soon. I have many health issues and require a large amount of doctors and specialists when I lose my Medicaid after the covid public health emergency and recertification is done I will no longer be able to afford the health plans that are offered from the New York state of health. I will be without insurance. My husband and I do not have the kind of excess income that I could afford to pay for insurance ,deductibles and copays. Because of inflation and prices soaring for utilities, gas, food, and interest rates, I will be forced to decide if I have heat heat, food or Medical insurance. I need many procedures done and have many health issues. I will be forced to stop seeing my doctors and taking medications. Please allow draft 1332 waiver to be passed as soon as possible as I'm sure I am not alone in this situation many people are about to be in desperate need of medical insurance and will not be able to afford it. This truly could be a matter of life or death.

Individual Name: Michael A Wilkins

Date of Submission: 2/26/2023

Comment:

I believe this be best overall plan

Individual Name: Sarah Ingrassia

Date of Submission: 2/26/2023

Comment:

People like my mother need this. She just had open brain surgery for an aneurysm that could not be foreseen...with the cost of every day living going up how are people like my mom supposed to afford medical when most of us have a hard time even affording eggs at \$7 to \$10 a dozen.

Individual Name: Erin McNally

Date of Submission: 2/24/2023

Comment:

Immigrants should be included in this legislation.

Individual Name: Emily Clark

Date of Submission: 2/23/2023

Comment:

I oppose any waiver without immigrant inclusion.

Individual Name: Faith Daniel

Date of Submission: 2/23/2023

Comment:

I oppose any waiver without immigrant inclusion.

Individual Name: Sean Pomory

Date of Submission: 2/23/2023

Comment:

I oppose any waiver without immigrant inclusion.

Individual Name: David Silva

Date of Submission: 2/22/2023

Comment:

The State of New York has an opportunity to use Basic Health Plan funding to both expand the income limit to cover higher-income workers AND extend coverage to immigrants regardless of status. Doing so will draw down Federal funds, replacing state-only funding for emergency Medicaid, hospital uncompensated care, and NYC's universal coverage workaround. And it will advance the state's public health goals, improving access to care that will translate into better productivity and a healthier population. Any 1332 waiver that lacks coverage for undocumented immigrants is a missed opportunity where what is fiscally sound is also the right thing to do.

Individual Name: Geneva Tavakoli

Date of Submission: 2/22/2023

Comment:

I oppose any waiver without immigrant inclusion.

Individual Name: Juan Valles

Date of Submission: 2/22/2023

Comment:

“I oppose any waiver without immigrant inclusion.”

Individual Name: Katherine Earle

Date of Submission: 2/22/2023

Comment:

I oppose any waiver without immigrant inclusion. We need healthcare for all New York residents, regardless of immigration status. The well-being of our state depends upon it!

Individual Name: Laura Hernandez

Date of Submission: 2/22/2023

Comment:

I oppose any waiver without immigrant inclusion.

Individual Name: Leon McIntosh

Date of Submission: 2/22/2023

Comment:

I oppose any waiver without immigrant inclusion.

Individual Name: Marina Tian

Date of Submission: 2/22/2023

Comment:

I oppose any waiver without immigrant inclusion -- the expansion of the Essential Plan must cover ALL eligible individuals regardless of their immigration status.

Individual Name: Michelle Weiss

Date of Submission: 2/22/2023

Comment:

I oppose any waiver without immigrant inclusion.

Individual Name: Tanisha P

Date of Submission: 2/22/2023

Comment:

I oppose any waiver without immigrant inclusion.

Individual Name: Ann Rauch

Date of Submission: 2/21/2023

Comment:

I am grateful that Governor Hochul seeks to make health coverage more affordable for moderate-income working New Yorkers by expanding New York's Essential Plan to people up to 250% of the Federal Poverty Level. However I am deeply concerned that the draft leaves out New York's immigrants. I am a social worker in a large non-profit hospital that serves many immigrants. New York should support immigrants by expanding eligibility for the Essential Plan to all New Yorkers regardless of immigration status. The limited coverage available under Medicaid for the undocumented population excludes primary and chronic care which results in these patients experiencing preventable and costly exacerbation of their condition. The result is unnecessary use of the emergency room and preventable hospital admissions with limited options for discharge. This seems penny wise and pound foolish. Expanding Essential Plan coverage to this population would allow for greater access to health care that can save many thousands of dollars spent on treating this vulnerable population in our emergency rooms and limiting their valuable & cost-effective contributions to our local economies.

Individual Name: Katherine Lobach

Date of Submission: 2/21/2023

Comment:

Opposed because it does not include undocumented immigrants.

Individual Name: N'diera Viechweg

Date of Submission: 2/20/2023

Comment:

Immigrants deserve coverage!!!

Individual Name: CHRISTINE A. VARGAS

Date of Submission: 2/17/2023

Comment:

I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE 1332 WAIVER TO EXPAND ESSENTIAL PLAN WITH INCOMES UP TO 250% OF THE FPL. THIS WOULD PUT SUCH AN EASE ON THE FINANCIAL BURDEN WHEN IT COMES TO PAYING HIGH PREMIUM RATES AND VERY HIGH DEDUCTIBLES AS WELL AS HIGH OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES WHICH MANY FAMILIES CANNOT AFFORD. RIGHT NOW FOR EXAMPLE MANY FAMILIES FALL IN THE FPL SLIGHTLY ABOVE THE 200% AND WILL NOT BE ELEGIBLE FOR THE ESSENTIAL PLAN SO THEY HAVE TO EITHER CHOOSE A QUALIFIED HEALTH PLAN WHICH HAS VERY HIGH DEDUCTIBLES AND PREMIUMS, AND OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES OR BE WITHOUT INSURANCE BECUSE MANY FAMILIES CAN'T AFFORD THIS.

Individual Name: Deborah Herdan

Date of Submission: 2/15/2023

Comment:

As a nurse and mother in Brooklyn NY who is concerned about the public's health, I would like the NY DOH to amend the waiver to ensure that all immigrants, regardless of immigration status are included in the request.

Individual Name: Ezequiel Ramos

Date of Submission: 2/15/2023

Comment:

I am against the waiver because it excludes immigrants. I would like to amend the waiver to ensure that all immigrants, regardless of immigration status are included in the request.

Individual Name: HERNQUIE AVELLAR

Date of Submission: 2/15/2023

Comment:

As is, the waiver excludes immigrants from the expansion.

Individual Name: KARLA BERMEO

Date of Submission: 2/15/2023

Comment:

As is, the waiver excludes immigrants from the expansion.

Individual Name: Linda mance

Date of Submission: 2/15/2023

Comment:

My husband and I make 40,000 and need health care. We are retired and not yet 65. We cannot afford 900.00 a month in Healthcare. Please pass this!

Individual Name: MARIA LOPEZ GALARZA

Date of Submission: 2/15/2023

Comment:

As is, the waiver excludes immigrants from the expansion.

Individual Name: MARIA REINOSO

Date of Submission: 2/15/2023

Comment:

As is, the waiver excludes immigrants from the expansion.

Individual Name: Alana Cantillo

Date of Submission: 2/14/2023

Comment:

This proposal excludes undocumented New Yorkers.

Individual Name: Alexandra Sanjuan

Date of Submission: 2/14/2023

Comment:

Because excluded immigrants and health care is a right

Individual Name: Carol Kessler

Date of Submission: 2/14/2023

Comment:

I am against the waivers because it excludes immigrants. I would like the state to amend the waiver to ensure that all immigrants, regardless of immigration status are included in the request.

Individual Name: Khamarin Nhann

Date of Submission: 2/14/2023

Comment:

I would like the state to amend the waiver to ensure that all immigrants, regardless of immigration status are included in the request.

Thank you

Individual Name: Terence Diggory

Date of Submission: 2/14/2023

Comment:

The waiver should be amended to ensure that all immigrants, regardless of immigration status, are included in the request.

Individual Name: Theresa Alt

Date of Submission: 2/14/2023

Comment:

It is good to seek to expand the Essential Plan to cover persons up to 250% of Federal Poverty Level. But it is wrong to leave out any immigrants. That just turns their neglected illnesses and injuries into medical emergencies and pushes their needs into expensive emergency rooms that are already overburdened.

Individual Name: Patrick Sean Dwyer

Date of Submission: 2/11/2023

Comment:

I support any reasonable measure to expand access to healthcare. As long as there is a sound and sustainable plan for covering New York State's share of the cost, I whole-heartedly support the proposed 1332 waiver application.

Individual Name: Alex Baer

Date of Submission: 2/10/2023

Comment:

Can you make it 300 percent? I worry how many working New Yorkers have seen an increase in their pay but are effectively earning less than they were last year due to YOY inflation

Individual Name: Concerned Citizen

Date of Submission: 2/10/2023

Comment:

include undocumented immigrants

Individual Name: Sarah Piper

Date of Submission: 2/10/2023

Comment:

I support the 1332 Waiver. There is a population of NYS residents that this is immensely needed. Those currently slightly above the income level have challenges affording healthcare and often may not seek the healthcare that they need because of this. This will greatly benefit these individuals and hopefully they will seek the healthcare that they need and have a right too.

From: [Carlos Vargas](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Saturday, March 11, 2023 6:25:01 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I am writing to oppose the 1332 State Innovation Waiver application because it excludes immigrants.

Last year, you promised to reach out to the federal government to file a federal Waiver to ask for funding to expand the Essential Plan to cover all low-income New Yorkers—including immigrants. Including immigrants in the Waiver application will cost the state nothing, and in fact, generate budget savings. The State's Essential Plan Trust Fund Account has an existing \$9 billion surplus and is estimated to generate an additional \$2 billion annual surplus. The state's waiver application should use this \$2 billion in federal funding to pay for expanded coverage for immigrants. As you are aware, federal rules say trust funds can only be used to pay for health insurance coverage.

Providing health insurance for immigrant communities – including hundreds of thousands of essential workers who have kept our state functioning during a three-year pandemic – is both morally and fiscally responsible. Expanding coverage would come at no cost to the state and would avoid \$500 million in annual Emergency Medicaid costs incurred when uninsured patients seek emergency care at our hospitals. It would also increase revenues for our health care providers by providing them essential plan rates instead of Medicaid (which is lower) and reduce the amount of uncompensated care they provide.

New York should join leaders like Colorado, Illinois, Washington, and California in recognizing health insurance as a human right by extending coverage to immigrant communities.

We are all safer in the face of global public health threats when everyone has access to quality preventive healthcare. Including immigrants in the 1332 Wavier is both economically sensible and the right thing to do.

Unless you revise the State Innovation Waiver application to include New York's immigrants and include this provision in the FY24 state budget, I oppose the State's Waiver application.

Carlos Vargas

From: [Suzanna Collerd](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Saturday, March 11, 2023 5:23:42 PM

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To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Saturday, March 11, 2023 4:22:07 PM

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New York should join leaders like Colorado, Illinois, Washington, and California in recognizing health insurance as a human right by extending coverage to immigrant communities. Healthcare for all should be a human right and should not be limited to the few privileged individuals.

We are all safer in the face of global public health threats when everyone has access to quality preventive healthcare. Including immigrants in the 1332 Wavier is both economically sensible and the right thing to do.

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Colleen Achong

From: [David Salas](#)
To: doh.sm.NYSOH.Team
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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David Salas

From: [Coralie Schubert](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Saturday, March 11, 2023 4:14:27 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

The Committee of Interns and Residents SEIU (CIR) represents over 7,000 resident and fellow physicians across New York, and we are deeply concerned about the health and well-being of our patients. That is why we oppose the 1332 State Innovation Waiver application as it stands —because it excludes immigrants and leaves a major part of our state population without access to the care they need.

Last year, you promised to reach out to the federal government to file a federal Waiver to ask for funding to expand the Essential Plan to cover all low-income New Yorkers regardless of immigration status. Including immigrants in the Waiver application will cost the state nothing, and in fact, generate budget savings. The State's Waiver application should use the existing \$9 billion surplus and expected annual surplus in the federally funded Basic Health Plan / Essential Plan Trust Fund to cover expanded coverage for immigrants. As you are aware, federal rules say this trust fund can only be used to pay for health insurance coverage.

Our immigrant community members include hundreds of thousands of essential workers who have kept our state functioning during a three-year pandemic. As it stands now, many of them are forced to delay or forgo care altogether because they cannot afford routine and preventative care. They then find themselves in our hospitals in dire medical emergencies. Our members do everything they can, both our members and their patients suffer knowing these emergencies were preventable.

As we learned in the pandemic, our health is collective. When some of us can't be well, we all suffer. When our friends and neighbors are developing serious problems like diabetes, strokes, loss of eyesight, and more, we as a community bear the consequences. Providing health insurance for all New Yorkers is not only the right thing to do, it is a public health imperative. It is critical to ensure that each of us have access to the care we need to be healthy. New York should join leaders like Colorado, Illinois, Washington, and California who already recognize health insurance as a human right by extending coverage to immigrant communities.

Expanding coverage would come at no cost to the state and would avoid \$500 million in

annual Emergency Medicaid costs incurred when uninsured patients seek emergency care at our hospitals. It would also increase revenues for our health care providers by providing them essential plan rates instead of Medicaid (which are lower) and reduce the amount of uncompensated care they provide.

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Sincerely,

Committee of Interns and Residents SEIU

Coralie Schubert

From: [Megan Chambers](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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From: [Sarah Yorra](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Saturday, March 11, 2023 11:37:36 AM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Goyer Thierry](#)
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From: [Jennifer Hadlock](#)
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Jennifer Hadlock

From: [D.Taylor](#)
To: doh.sm.NYSOH.Team
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Saturday, March 11, 2023 11:29:22 AM

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From: [Pia Garber](#)
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From: [Ana Dutan](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Saturday, March 11, 2023 11:15:03 AM

Department of Health ,

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Ana Dutan

From: [Maria De la Cruz](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Saturday, March 11, 2023 11:14:22 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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My name is Maria de la Cruz and I live in the area of Brooklyn. To be able to have access to a health insurance is important because it would help a ton of people with their health and also help those in desperate need for health insurance.

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From: [Aydee Gallardo](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Saturday, March 11, 2023 11:08:36 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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My name is Aydee Gallardo and I live in Brooklyn. This affects me and my family since without medical insurance, we're all been in a bad state ever since the pandemic passed.

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From: [pitab](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Saturday, March 11, 2023 11:02:41 AM

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From: [demic sara](#)
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From: [Mayra Achupatin](#)
To: doh.sm.NYSOH.Team
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Saturday, March 11, 2023 10:58:36 AM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Veronica Solano](#)
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Veronica Solano

From: [Manuela Colula](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Saturday, March 11, 2023 10:53:23 AM

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From: [Cynthia Siavichay](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Saturday, March 11, 2023 10:51:36 AM

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From: [Maria Poaquiza](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Saturday, March 11, 2023 10:46:10 AM

Department of Health ,

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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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From: [Alexander Kahn](#)
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In support of all New Yorkers,

Steven Birkeland

From: [Margonita Jimenez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Saturday, March 11, 2023 10:38:22 AM

Department of Health ,

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My name is Margonita and I support the idea that everyone needs access to medical insurance because I have a family and don't want to continue paying out of pocket since it affects my life too. I have a right to be able to get help and have a good health.

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From: [Fanny Noula Chacha](#)
To: doh.sm.NYSOH.Team
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Saturday, March 11, 2023 10:38:06 AM

Department of Health ,

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From: [alexawoods](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Saturday, March 11, 2023 10:34:50 AM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Altagracia Ramirez](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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To: doh.sm.NYSOH.Team
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I am a Brooklyn resident and mother of 3 and care about health care for all New Yorkers. Please ensure we are all safe and healthy by including immigrants.

Sincerely,
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From: [Luisa Falerado](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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From: [Patricia Spear](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
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Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I am a clinical psychologist who works with low income New Yorkers in Spanish and English. It's appalling how little care our government has for people who have come here seeking safe harbor. I am from a family of immigrants who arrived to NYC in the 1800s. I imagine your family is also descended from immigrants whose arrival here was the culmination of significant and potentially traumatic narratives of struggle. Where is the compassion for individuals going through this now?

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From: [Nancy Chango](#)
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From: [Hilario Alejo Menor](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Saturday, March 11, 2023 3:29:43 AM

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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 7:18:18 PM

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From: Judith Fletcher
Sent: Friday, March 10, 2023 7:07 PM
To: doh.sm.NYSOH.Team <NYSOH.Team@health.ny.gov>
Subject: Healthcare Coverage For All!

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From: [Tyrese Thompson](#)
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Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Jaime Moran and I live in Maspeth, Queens. I believe health is a human right. Nobody regardless of their immigration status should be excluded from access to health coverage.

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Jaime Moran

From: [Maria Aureoles](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 5:01:18 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Maria Aureoles and I live in Staten Island. I have a medical condition and I do not have funds to access a treatment. We can't afford to continue being excluded from health coverage. Our medical condition are not getting treated the way they are required and our lives are at risk.

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From: [Blanca Perez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 4:53:52 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Blanca Perez and I live in Brooklyn. I oppose to the Waiver 1332 the way it is written because last year you said that we -the undocumented immigrants- were going to be included and we are being left out. I feel like I deserve to have access to health coverage because I pay my taxes and I have been in New York State for over 30 years and I have contributed to the economy of this State since day one.

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From: [Theo Oshiro](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 4:51:23 PM

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Theo Oshiro

From: [Jesus Carrion](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 4:45:59 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Jesus Carrion and I live in Queens. Currently, I do not have access to health insurance and the cost is inaccessible for me. My health is at risk.

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Jesus Carrion

From: [Isabel Amigon](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 4:42:21 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Isabel Amigon and I live in Brooklyn. My health is very important for me. I ask to be included in the Waiver 1332 proposal in order to be able to access to health coverage. I don't make a lot of money and I can't pay medical bills.

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From: [Celedonia Aguilar](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 4:37:46 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Celedonia Aguilar and I live in the area of Brooklyn. I demand that the undocumented Immigrant Community is included in the Waiver 1332 application.

I am writing to oppose the 1332 State Innovation Waiver application because it excludes immigrants.

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From: [Baldomero Cruz](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 4:35:04 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Baldomero Cruz and I live in Brooklyn. It is necessary that everyone have access to health coverage because health coverage is a human right.

I am writing to oppose the 1332 State Innovation Waiver application because it excludes immigrants.

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From: [Nelba Maldonado](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 4:31:30 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Nelba Maldonado and I live in Brooklyn. Our lives are at risk due to the lack of health coverage. Everyone regardless of their immigration status should have access to health coverage. Medicine is very expensive as well as doctor visits and our wages are extremely low.

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From: [Isabel Gonzalez Melche](#)
To: doh.sm.NYSOH.Team
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 4:28:15 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Isabel Gonzalez and I live in the area of Queens. We -the undocumented immigrant community- do not have access to health insurance and that put lives at risk.

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From: [Leocadia Flores](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 4:24:22 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Leocadia Flores and I live in Queens. I had an accident in 2018 and I had to be hospitalized for a week. As a consequence of this accident I ended up owing about \$30,000 to the hospital. This has affected me in many ways up to today because I still owe money.

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From: [Enrique Nunez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 4:19:58 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Enrique Nunez and I live in Brooklyn. I currently suffer from diabetes type 2 and I have to pay the treatment out-of-pocket because I can't access to a health insurance due to my immigration status. The treatment is very expensive.

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Enrique Nunez

From: Dana Levenberg

Sent: Friday, March 10, 2023 4:17 PM

To: doh.sm.NYSOH.Team <NYSOH.Team@health.ny.gov>

Subject: Comment on 1332 State Innovation Waiver - please include undocumented immigrants

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul,

I am writing to ask that you include undocumented immigrants in New York's proposed State Innovation Waiver. This is a matter of special importance to me given the composition of my district.

Health care is a human right, and all New York communities rely, directly or indirectly, on the contributions of undocumented immigrants. In recognition of these facts, New York spends \$544 million per year on Emergency Medicaid for undocumented residents. It is not clear to me why we would turn down the opportunity to save this money by failing to include undocumented people in our 1332 Waiver application. This is the fiscally responsible way to meet our moral obligations to these New Yorkers.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Assemblywoman Dana Levenberg

Dana Levenberg

From: [Juan Garcia](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 4:14:43 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Juan Garcia and I live in the area of Queens. I'm currently struggling with health conditions and having health coverage would be beneficial for me and thousands of us.

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From: [Gabina Santamaria](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 4:08:32 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Gabina Santamaria and I live in Staten Island. We are being left out of this Waiver 1332 proposal. We are essential workers and we can't afford to get sick, otherwise the economy of the State of New York may collapse.

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From: [Fredy Jesus](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 4:03:17 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Fredy Jesus and I live in Staten Island. We all deserve preventative care and enjoy good health. It's inhumane that people die due to lack of health coverage.

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Fredy Jesus

From: [Martin Torres](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 3:57:23 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Martin Torres and I live in Staten Island. Health coverage must be a universal human right. We as undocumented immigrants do not go to the hospital for fear of high cost of medical services and we decide to go, sometimes it's too late.

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To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 3:53:49 PM

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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 3:52:19 PM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Juan Mendoza](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 3:39:18 PM

Department of Health ,

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To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 3:37:37 PM

Department of Health ,

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We need a lot help and need Coverage for All. Health is first and foremost. If we are sick, how can we afford to pay for the medical care we need?

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From: [Cleydith Garcia](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 3:33:57 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Cleidith and I arrived to NY about 15 days ago. I am not able to work and medical care and treatment is very expensive. I would like to access health insurance because not only would it give me a better quality of life but also relieve me of another financial burden.

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From: [Santos Flores](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 3:31:14 PM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Maria Naula](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 3:29:23 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Maria Naula and I live in Queens. Without access to health insurance, it is very difficult for me to access necessary medical care and pay those costs. I put my health at risk as well as others do in our immigrant community. I want Coverage for All for myself and all those in our community.

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From: [Glenda Caiminagua](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 3:24:50 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I support Coverage for All. I would like for this program to come to be because it would help give me peace of mind and stability knowing that in the future I may get a hospital bill that is too costly and even if I cannot afford it, my insurance will cover the cost.

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From: [Miriam Tuapante](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 3:22:58 PM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Jorge Quintero](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 3:22:22 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Jorge Quintero and I live in Staten Island. I disagree with this Waiver 1332 because funds coming from the government should go directly to the people that need them the most.

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From: [Nube Quito](#)
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Nube Quito

From: [Irene Tadeo](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 3:19:53 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Irene Tadeo and I live in Corona, Queens. I do not have access to health insurance and I support Coverage for All so I and all in my community can access affordable medical care.

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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 3:18:37 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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From: [Eduardo Caballero](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 3:18:14 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Eduardo Caballero and I live in the area of Staten Island. I had to go to emergency room because of strong pain and discomfort in one of my molars that went on for 20 days and they gave me an appointment for 4 months later. The medicine that I was given did not really work at all and I was afraid of going to the hospital because of the high cost fo the medical bills.

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From: [Rosa Pesantez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 3:16:39 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Rosa and I am 46 years old. Access to affordable health insurance is extremely important to me and I support any campaign, organization, and program that can help bring that to fruit. We need Coverage for All in NY!

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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 3:14:49 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I recently arrived about 3 months ago to NY. As a new immigrant, I met a health outreach worker in Queens as I was selling candy and she introduced me to the Coverage for All work and campaign. I strongly support this cause because it would help many people like me access necessary medical care in a new community and lessen the financial burdens we may already face.

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Pamela Pugin Moposita

From: [Vicente Romano](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 3:11:47 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

It is important and necessary to grant Coverage for All, especially for our immigrant community. They are the most at need and many times because of the lack of money and resources or because of fear, many do not get the medical care they need and at the right time.

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Zoe Silvieus-Gray

From: [David Vergara](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 3:11:10 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is David Vergara and I live in the area of Staten Island. I oppose this Waiver the way it is written because we (the undocumented immigrant community) are being left out. In addition, due to my age, if I get sick, I won't be able to go to the hospitals or medical centers.

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From: [Ariel Noles](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 3:09:43 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

We need Coverage for All to help care for, prevent, and treat terminal illnesses.

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Ariel Noles

From: [Belen Ruiz](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 3:08:28 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

We need access to Coverage for All regardless of immigration status.

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Belen Ruiz

From: [Jonathan Maxi](#)
To: doh.sm.NYSOH.Team
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 3:07:30 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I support Coverage for All because we all have a necessity and right to medical services and affordable health insurance.

I am writing to oppose the 1332 State Innovation Waiver application because it excludes immigrants.

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Jonathan Maxi

From: [Mayra Bazurto Palacios](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 3:05:02 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Mayra Bazurto and I am from the Queens area. I support Coverage for All to guarantee that we all have access to medical care in the case of a sudden emergency or illness.

I am writing to oppose the 1332 State Innovation Waiver application because it excludes immigrants.

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Mayra Bazurto Palacios

From: [Dolores Juarez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 3:04:13 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Dolores Juarez and I live in the area of Staten Island. I oppose the Waiver 1332 proposal the way it is written because I'm being excluded and I'm afraid of going to the hospital for fear of the high cost of the medical bills. My health is at risk and I can't cover the medical treatment that I need for my diabetes.

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From: [Maria de Lourdes Hernandez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 3:02:37 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

We all deserve access to affordable health insurance - medical services at no or low cost and that way we are able to safely monitor our health and wellbeing.

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Maria de Lourdes Hernandez

From: [Andrea Villalobos](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 3:00:55 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Coverage for All is crucial to help us keep updated on our health - to be on top of any vaccines needed and prevent any future illness.

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Andrea Villalobos

From: [Leticia Gaspriano](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 2:57:53 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Leticia Gaspriano and it is very bad to not have access to health insurance. We are already deducted a lot of money in our taxes, medical bills are high and pile up, and then we cannot afford to take care of all our needs with our low income. We need Coverage for All.

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Leticia Gaspriano

From: [Caridad Santiago](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 2:55:23 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

It is our right to health insurance. Please take away the copay and give access to health insurance for ALL New Yorkers including immigrants.

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Caridad Santiago

From: [Saoni Rosell](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 2:54:11 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

We need Coverage for All. If we fall sick, we will not be able to work to have the money to afford the necessary medical care we need. The little we earn is not enough to cover all our bills, costs, etc.

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Saoni Rosell

From: [Paulino Rodriguez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 2:52:47 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Without Coverage for All and access to health insurance, I feel finished and defeated.

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Paulino Rodriguez

From: [Frederic Sanchez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 2:51:38 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Having access to health insurance is important for my health in the case of any emergency - present or future. With health insurance, I would not have to worry about getting the services and care I need to take care of my health.

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Frederic Sanchez

From: [Nerieda Santiago](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 2:49:45 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

For me, Coverage for All is important because I need health insurance because I have many medical problems.

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From: [Sinencio Diaz](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 2:47:54 PM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Silvia Paucar](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 2:45:34 PM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Elsa Moreta](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 2:44:27 PM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Merica Rivera](#)
To: doh.sm.NYSOH.Team
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 2:43:30 PM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Francelina Borja](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 2:42:10 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I am Francelina Borja and I would feel greatly impacted if my access to health insurance is taken away as well as for many New Yorkers.

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From: [Reyna Capulin](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 2:40:53 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

We need Coverage for All to help us especially in cases of emergency. Healthcare is important for every New Yorker as a human right.

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From: [Mireya Molfa](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 2:39:36 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

If you take away our access to healthcare, I do not know what will happen to me or my family. We need Coverage for All.

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Mireya Molfa

From: [Vidalia Pacay](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 2:38:18 PM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Erika Zavala](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 2:36:44 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

It is very impactful to know that we have immigrated to this country out of necessity and realize that we are not protected and supported, especially in terms of our health without access to health insurance. Medical care and treatment is extremely important and we need Coverage for ALL.

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From: [Alfonso Beckert](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 2:34:53 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Healthcare is an extremely important necessity for elderly people. Therefore, it is crucial and necessary to continue supporting and pass the proposed and promised Coverage for All, Governor Hochul. Include all immigrants and New Yorkers in the Essential Plan coverage.

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From: [Alexandra del Rocio Matute](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 2:32:53 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Help protect our physical and mental health. We need to be treated fairly and with respect - we have come to this community to work, grow, and contribute. We need Coverage for All and an Essential Plan including immigrant members.

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From: [John Carrillo](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 2:31:24 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is John Carrillo. Without access to health insurance, it is very difficult to access necessary medical care. This is the reality for many of us, especially as immigrants.

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From: [Cristian Zavalo](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 2:29:55 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Cristian Zavalo and I live in the Queens area. Without access to affordable health insurance, it is extremely difficult to get the medical care I need and I continue to put my health at risk. This is the reality for me and many in my community.

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From: [Maria De la Cruz](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 2:28:17 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Maria de la Cruz. I ask you, Governor Hochul, to take all us immigrants into account because it affects us greatly that you are choosing to exclude us in your 1332 waiver. It is unfair and unjust.

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From: [Aladino Arcentales](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 2:25:52 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Aladino and I ask all you legislators and those in power to have compassion and empathy for us and our immigrant families. Health is indispensable for all. I would suffer greatly without Coverage for All and access to necessary medical services.

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From: [Feliciana Pomaquiza](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 2:23:14 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I live in Queens, NY. You cannot imagine the struggle and challenges I face in not having access to health insurance or affordable health programs. Health is very important and too expensive to afford in this economy. Health insurance should be free-of-cost for us all because if we are not alive, there is no progress. Without health, how can we live? Please help us Governor Hochul.

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Feliciana Pomaquiza

From: [Ezequiel Viveros](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 2:20:26 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

You need to include immigrants in all your processes and proposals for universal and affordable healthcare. We want quality of health and life for all New Yorkers. Do not exclude us immigrants - we work, we pay taxes, we contribute to our communities. Your pride and ignorance is unfair, Governor Hochul.

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From: [Ana Espinoza Solano](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 2:16:34 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I am from Queens. I am happy with my current NYC Care but would love to have access to an Essential Plan that covers all medical care needs and costs. Work for us immigrants can be very scarce and makes it hard to afford any medical care. Keep your promise Governor Hochul and give the money back to fund the NY community. We need it for our health.

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From: [Jose Ovando](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 2:14:19 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I am from Queens. We need the Essential Plan for All, including immigrants. Health is indispensable for my family and to have a good quality of life.

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From: [Cristian Zavala](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 2:13:02 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I am from the Queens area. It affects me greatly to not have access to health insurance, Governor Hochul. It is extremely difficult to afford private medical care. Please take us into account, Governor Hochul. We will support you if you support us now - do not ignore us. We all have families that need our help with Coverage for ALL.

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From: [Petra Correa](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 2:10:45 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I live in the Queens area. My family and I need access to affordable low-cost or free-of-cost health insurance. There are times when there is work and times when there is not - making access to medical services too expensive. Please, help us to have good physical and mental health without so much anxiety and worry.

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From: [Gladys Morocho](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 2:08:26 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

It affects not only but also my family greatly to not have access to health insurance. Keep your promise to pass Coverage for All and help all of us who are currently suffering. You cannot imagine the pain and heartbreak it is to not have good healthcare or food for our children.

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Gladys Morocho

From: [Martin Cosme](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 2:05:36 PM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Ana Llamuca](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 2:04:16 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

With Coverage for All, we will have less medical and health problems. Many people's health and wellbeing will no longer be at risk. Health insurance is a right.

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Ana Llamuca

From: [Maria Hernandez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 2:02:22 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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From: [Oswaldo Mendoza](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 1:59:53 PM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Joselyne Macias](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 1:58:46 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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Joselyne Macias

From: [Martha Laguna](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 1:57:07 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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Martha Laguna

From: [Clara Diaz](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 1:55:39 PM

Department of Health ,

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Clara Diaz

From: [Ana Quinatoa](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 1:54:12 PM

Department of Health ,

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Ana Quinatoa

From: [Ibelka Duran](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 1:53:06 PM

Department of Health ,

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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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Department of Health ,

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Coverage for All is necessary for all members of our community.

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Last year, you promised to reach out to the federal government to file a federal Waiver to ask for funding to expand the Essential Plan to cover all low-income New Yorkers—including immigrants. Including immigrants in the Waiver application will cost the state nothing, and in fact, generate budget savings. The State's Essential Plan Trust Fund Account has an existing \$9 billion surplus and is estimated to generate an additional \$2 billion annual surplus. The state's waiver application should use this \$2 billion in federal funding to pay for expanded coverage for immigrants. As you are aware, federal rules say trust funds can only be used to pay for health insurance coverage.

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Blanca Moposita

From: [Anyerika Duran](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 1:50:59 PM

Department of Health ,

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Anyerika Duran

From: [Yokasta Anitgua](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 1:49:47 PM

Department of Health ,

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Yokasta Anitgua

From: [Celinda Lopez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 1:48:46 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Health insurance is necessary to access and receive medical attention when we are sick. These medical services are very expensive and can only be made truly accessible and affordable with Coverage for All.

I am writing to oppose the 1332 State Innovation Waiver application because it excludes immigrants.

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Celinda Lopez

From: [Omaira Pantano](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 1:46:23 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Having access to health insurance is not only a necessity but a basic human right.

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Omaira Pantano

From: [Elsa Saury](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 1:45:22 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Health insurance is a necessity and a human right. I hope all us New Yorkers have access soon to affordable health insurance with Coverage for All.

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Elsa Saury

From: [Jorge Eduardo Pineda Ochoa](#)
To: doh.sm.NYSOH.Team
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 1:44:04 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Access to health insurance is a basic right for all. Healthcare is very expensive and proper medical services and attention is only possible with affordable health insurance.

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Jorge Eduardo Pineda Ochoa

From: [Gerald R. Lotierzo](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 11:13:23 AM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Phyllis Tierney](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 11:09:48 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I am writing to oppose the 1332 State Innovation Waiver application because it excludes immigrants. In NYS we rely immigrant labor for production of goods and services including our major agricultural industries.

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Phyllis Tierney

From: [Susan Weatherly](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 11:04:25 AM

Department of Health ,

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Susan Weatherly

From: [Briana Johannesen](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 10:48:47 AM

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From: [Cecilia Gonzalez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 10:36:14 AM

Department of Health ,

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I think health insurance is an essential for my community.

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Cecilia Gonzalez

From: [Emily Casa](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 9:21:21 AM

Department of Health ,

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Emily Casa

From: [Ellie Carleton](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 9:02:21 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Health insurance coverage improves physical and mental health outcomes, including life expectancy and stabilizes enrollees' financial security by reducing medical debt and bankruptcies. Nearly all New Yorkers can access comprehensive, affordable health care through the Marketplace, except some immigrants because of their immigration status. This situation amplifies existing health disparities. Last year, Governor Kathy Hochul promised to ask the federal government for a "1332 Waiver" to pay to expand NY's Essential Plan Program to cover low-income undocumented immigrants in NYS as well as increase the financial eligibility limits for those who were already eligible to participate . The state's Basic Health Program trust fund has an \$9 billion surplus which could pay for this program. Immigrant coverage through the Waiver would also save New York \$500 million, which it currently spends providing bare bones Emergency Medicaid coverage to immigrants. Unfortunately, the Hochul Administration's 1332 Waiver document and her State budget language exclude immigrants, backtracking on her promise last Spring, without explanation. Take immediate action to ensure that all New Yorkers regardless of immigration status, can obtain health coverage and live healthier and more productive lives. It's the morally and fiscally right thing to do.

Ellie Carleton

From: [Adina Konikoff](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 7:04:27 AM

Department of Health ,

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Adina Konikoff

From: Deborah Socolar <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, March 10, 2023 5:01 AM
To: doh.sm.NYSOH.Team <NYSOH.Team@health.ny.gov>
Subject: Use Federal Funds for Immigrant Healthcare Coverage

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul and NY Department of Health,

New York needs to make solid health coverage available for undocumented immigrants. It's fiscally responsible as well as a moral obligation and a public health imperative.

Because the state's current 1332 State Innovation Waiver application excludes immigrants, I oppose it. I support "Coverage for All."

Last year, Gov. Hochul, you promised to pursue a federal waiver to ask for funding to expand the Essential Plan to cover all low-income New Yorkers—including immigrants.

The state would lose nothing to include immigrants in the Waiver application. Doing so would, in fact, generate budget savings.

The State's Essential Plan Trust Fund Account has an existing \$9 billion surplus and is estimated to generate an additional \$2 billion annual surplus. New York's waiver application should use this \$2 billion in federal funding to pay for expanded coverage for immigrants. As you are aware, federal rules say trust funds can only be used to pay for health insurance coverage.

Securing health insurance for immigrant communities – including hundreds of thousands of essential workers who have kept our state functioning during a 2-year pandemic – is both morally and fiscally responsible. Expanding coverage would come at no cost to the state and would avoid \$500 million in annual Emergency Medicaid costs for uninsured patients who seek emergency room care.

It would also increase revenues for our health care providers by providing them Essential Plan rates instead of Medicaid (which is lower) and reduce the amount of uncompensated care they provide.

Please offer leadership by having New York join Colorado, Illinois, Washington, and California in recognizing health insurance as a human right. It is an urgent obligation to extend health coverage to immigrant communities in NY.

The general public's health will benefit. We are all safer in the face of global public health threats when everyone has timely access to quality preventive healthcare. Including immigrants in the 1332 Waiver is both economically sensible and the right thing to do.

Unless you revise the State Innovation Waiver application to include New York's immigrants and include this provision in the FY24 state budget, I oppose the State's Waiver application.

Deborah Socolar

From: [Mary Thorpe](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 10, 2023 2:01:36 AM

Department of Health ,

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Mary Thorpe

From: [Michael Madden](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 11:06:45 PM

Department of Health ,

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Michael Madden

From: [Zola Pinto](#)
To: doh.sm.NYSOH.Team
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 10:42:15 PM

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From: [Helen Meltzer-krim](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 10:15:07 PM

Department of Health ,

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Helen Meltzer-krim

From: [David Herszenon](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
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Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 10:12:08 PM

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From: [Patricia Prince](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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Patricia Prince

From: [Lexi Sasso](#)
To: doh.sm.NYSOH.Team
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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Lexi Sasso

From: [SUSAN BONADONNA](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 9:32:42 PM

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SUSAN BONADONNA

From: nicole.carmen.cata
To: doh.sm.NYSOH.Team
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 7:44:14 PM

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nicole.carmen.cata

From: [Paul Gross](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 7:20:48 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I am a family physician who works in the Bronx, and I am writing to oppose the 1332 State Innovation Waiver application because it excludes immigrants.

A number of my patients are working undocumented immigrants whose lack of health coverage results in serious complications from chronic illnesses and, in the long run, debilitating illness and preventable medical costs.

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Paul Gross

From: [Ivan Braun](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 7:05:39 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I am writing to oppose the 1332 State Innovation Waiver application because it excludes immigrants. Including undocumented immigrants is not only the right thing to do but it saves money at the same time. Denying immigrants health care does not solve the immigrant issue. They are already here and they use health services via emergency rooms. Adding them to the waiver will save money.

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From: [Carole Meluso](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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From: [Christine Brown](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
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From: [Owen Beecher](#)
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To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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From: [Nancy Santiago](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 5:01:47 PM

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From: [Stephanie McCoubrey](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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Angel Ruiz

From: [Salena Gray](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 4:41:32 PM

Department of Health ,

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I am both a Licensed Mental Health Counselor and the mother of a mentally ill child. I know

the importance of good mental health insurance on both a professional and personal level. I ask again that you recognize health insurance as a basic human right by extending coverage to immigrant communities.

Thank you,

Salena M. Gray, LMHC

Salena Gray

From: [Efrain Razo](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 4:41:00 PM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Juan Morecho](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 4:38:59 PM

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Juan Morecho

From: [Paul Cooper](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 4:30:19 PM

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I want only to add that ALL of us either are immigrants, or are descended from immigrants. These immigrants are ME, Governor. They are YOU.

Paul Cooper

From: [Noe Martinez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 4:29:25 PM

Department of Health ,

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Noe Martinez

From: [Elder Alvarado](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 4:18:17 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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I am from Brooklyn. My community and I need healthcare coverage for all now!

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Elder Alvarado

From: [Evelyn Auilas](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 4:16:36 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I am writing to oppose the 1332 State Innovation Waiver application because it excludes immigrants.

We need healthcare coverage for all! Without good health, we can't work! Every New Yorker needs healthcare coverage!

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Evelyn Auilas

From: [Jose Devia](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 4:16:29 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I am writing to ask that Coverage for All be supported and the Essential Plan be expanded to provide affordable health insurance to all New Yorkers, including those in our immigrant communities.

I am writing to oppose the 1332 State Innovation Waiver application because it excludes immigrants.

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Jose Devia

From: [Judi Gardner](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 4:15:57 PM

Department of Health ,

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Judi Gardner

From: [Gean Carlos Quirolo](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 4:13:14 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I am writing to oppose the 1332 State Innovation Waiver application because it excludes immigrants.

Not having healthcare coverage and not knowing what we have when we get sick affects my mental health a lot. Especially when I go to the doctor and have no other but to put myself in debt!

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From: [Marina Rotavista](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 4:13:07 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I am writing to ask that you please approve the 1332 extension to provide access to health coverage and the Essential Plan to all New Yorkers, including immigrants.

I am writing to oppose the 1332 State Innovation Waiver application because it excludes immigrants.

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Marina Rotavista

From: [Christopher Padilla](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 4:10:20 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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We need universal healthcare for all. Other states like California in Los Angeles have already achieved this! Why can't New York accomplish this too?

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Christopher Padilla

From: [Alba Ramirez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 4:10:11 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I am writing to ask that you please approve the 1332 extension to expand the Essential Plan for all New Yorkers to have access to affordable healthcare, including and especially immigrant individuals and families.

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Alba Ramirez

From: [Nathasha Victoria](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 4:08:56 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I am writing to ask you to please approve the 1332 state innovation waiver application. Please expand the Essential Plan to cover all low-income New Yorkers, including immigrants. Thank you!

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From: [Alvin Aponte](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 4:06:56 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

We need Coverage for All, especially to help protect us in the emergency of any work-related illness, injury, or emergency.

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From: [Archangel Mera](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 4:05:25 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Coverage for All is an essential need. Health is first and foremost in this day and age. Without good health, there is no quality of life.

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From: [Jessica Reynolds](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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From: [Frakmedi Herrera](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 4:02:22 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 4:01:01 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

It is clear why we need Coverage for All. Access to health insurance is necessary to get the check-ups we need for our health and to know how we are doing. I think it is a great idea to provide affordable health insurance to all here in NY.

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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 3:59:05 PM

Department of Health ,

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I believe access to heath care is a right that all people should have, regardless of immigration status.

Maya Scherer

From: [Erlend Kimmich](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
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From: [Lynn Michaelson](#)
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From: [Michael Falanga](#)
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To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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From: [Beverly Faro](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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I have spent my working career as a nurse and Pediatric Nurse Practitioner. Now that I have retired, I am volunteering in an Immigration Legal clinic, helping immigrants and refugees to file the complicated paperwork needed for various things. These are hardworking people who need us to care about them and to ensure that they stay healthy as they work toward citizenship. To exclude them from health care only weakens all of us and costs more in the long run.

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Elizabeth Rosenthal

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To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 2:04:10 PM

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Department of Health ,

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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 1:58:03 PM

Department of Health ,

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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 1:57:01 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Ana Lilia and I support Coverage for All. I need Coverage for All for my health and healthcare without it is very expensive. It would become very costly to go to a hospital especially for an emergency. I suffer from various health issues and it is crucial for me to access affordable healthcare.

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From: [Jose Gonzalez](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 1:54:23 PM

Department of Health ,

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Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Jessica and I live in the Brooklyn area. It is disappointing and heartbreaking to take away the access to medical services to the members of our immigrant communities. I ask that you please not deprive our neighbors of these human rights.

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Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 1:41:50 PM

Department of Health ,

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To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
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Department of Health ,

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Juan P

From: [Marbella Perez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 1:37:20 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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From: [Mandodree Seecharran](#)
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From: [Eliana Perreira](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 1:15:56 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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This is very important for me because it will help my family and I. I have been waiting to get a gallbladder surgery years but have not been able to get it done because of my lack of insurance. Health coverage for all will help me with this

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From: [Nau Hernandez](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 1:09:57 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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As an immigrant it would be beneficial to have access to health insurance and be able to take care of our health. Seeing a doctor without insurance is expensive and not affordable for our community.

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Nau Hernandez

From: [Fabian Diaz](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 1:07:02 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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My name is Fabian Diaz and I need to see a doctor due to my health condition. This has become very difficult for me because its not affordable.

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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 1:03:40 PM

Department of Health ,

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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 1:01:46 PM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Juan Carlos Cuapio](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 12:59:23 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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My name is Jaun Carlos and I live in Brooklyn. Having health insurance is very difficult because we don't have access to it and are unaffordable. Having health coverage for all will help the immigrant community

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From: [Lizeth Ortiz](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 12:55:03 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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I am a Mexican immigrant and arrived in this country in 1993. My parents are also immigrants, we reside in Sunset Park, Brooklyn. Having health insurance for my parents and husband would mean a lot and would change their life. Due to their lack of insurance they risk their own life because they don't go see a doctor, this will help them and others take care of their health.

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From: [Erminson Perdomo](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 12:48:45 PM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Keith Fuller](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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From: [zuleima Dominguez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 12:45:28 PM

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From: [Kendal Nystedt](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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Kendal Nystedt

From: [Rosa Ramache](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 11:10:07 AM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Celedonio Sanchez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 11:05:51 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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My name is Celedonio Sanchez and I live in Brooklyn. Without the access to health insurance it is very difficult to have access to medical services.

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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 11:00:29 AM

Department of Health ,

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Health insurance should be accessible for anyone regardless of their status. With this insurance dental procedures should also be affordable.

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From: [Josefina De la Cruz](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 10:58:05 AM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Fabian Chano](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 10:56:19 AM

Department of Health ,

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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 10:46:11 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

We need to continue with Coverage for All to give access to health insurance to all people of low-income, regardless of their immigration status. The government has a responsibility to ensure the health and wellbeing of its people.

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From: [Pablo Palacios](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 10:34:42 AM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Lina Salaman](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 10:33:56 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Lina Salaman. I believe one of the most important things for all society is the health and wellbeing of each individual. Coverage for All and access to healthcare for all is a necessary human right.

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From: [bdlimm](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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From: [Felicita Perez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 10:32:28 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

The current economic situation is affecting many low-income New Yorkers. Food is very expensive and many people are left to decide whether they should eat or go to a doctor when needed. This causes people to suffer from more depression and anxiety. Coverage for All is necessary and fundamental to protect and help all New Yorkers.

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From: [Jenny Perez](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 10:29:07 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Jenny Perez and I live in the Brooklyn area. Without access to health insurance, it has been very difficult for me to go and access a general check-up. There is not a lot of stable work and medical services are also very expensive. This is the reality for many people like me.

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From: [Jorge Murillo](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 10:26:50 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Jorge Murillo. The importance and safety of our health is something we cannot always predict. I for one do not have access to health insurance and it is extremely difficult to afford and access necessary medical services. This constantly puts my health at risk - I need Coverage for All to protect my health and wellbeing.

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From: [Alejandra Alvarez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 10:24:12 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I think it is unfair and unjust that we as immigrants are being left out and without access to necessary healthcare and medical services.

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Alejandra Alvarez

From: [Ruben Damian Hernandez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 10:22:54 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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Ruben Damian Hernandez

From: [Arya Hernandez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 10:21:18 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Arya and I live in NYC. I am a transwoman and demand my human right to healthcare. I need to be able to access the necessary medication and healthcare is a human right for us all. I speak on my personal experience - I do not have a stable income and cannot afford health services without insurance.

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Arya Hernandez

From: [Ana Agachipo](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 10:03:39 AM

Department of Health ,

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Ana Agachipo

From: [Silvia Campos](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 10:00:43 AM

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Julio Masaquiza

From: [Yolanda Gonzaga](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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If we healthcare coverage for all passes I would be calmer and won't feel anxious or scared when I get sick, since I know accessing medical services is tough for me. I just don't have the economic means for it!

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Yolanda Gonzaga

From: [Esteban Vargas](#)
To: doh.sm.NYSOH.Team
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 9:50:52 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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From: [Evelyn David](#)
To: doh.sm.NYSOH.Team
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 9:48:26 AM

Department of Health ,

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Evelyn David

From: [Esther Gonzalez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 9:46:48 AM

Department of Health ,

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Without access to healthcare, my community and I are all putting our health at risk!

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From: [Maria Mensivar](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 9:44:05 AM

Department of Health ,

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Maria Mensivar

From: [Zenaida Angeles](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 9:37:08 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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I live in Brooklyn and having access to to healthcare would help me and everyone in my community. We will finally be able to seek medical services and not risk the well being of our health!

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Zenaida Angeles

From: [Maria Velarde](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 9:34:10 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I am writing to oppose the 1332 State Innovation Waiver application because it excludes immigrants.

I live in long island and it's nearly impossible to access medical services. We need healthcare coverage for all, so members of my community and I can see a doctor when needed.

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Maria Velarde

From: [Linda Weiss](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 8:35:52 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

As a public health researcher, I am writing regarding the 1332 State Innovation Waiver application and its exclusion of immigrants.

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Thank you,

Linda Weiss, PhD

From: [Gabriel Perez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 8:12:04 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Gabriel I live in Suffolk county. I need medical insurance because the bills are very high and the medical visits, Also the cost of the hospital is impossible to pay

Gabriel Perez

From: [Miguel Perez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 8:05:06 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Miguel I live in Bay shore New York. I don't have health insurance it's difficult for me to go to the doctor having affordable healthcare would help me and so many other people

Miguel Perez

From: [Jorge Garcia](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 7:59:58 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I am Jorge I live in Suffolk county. My parents are getting old they don't have health Insurance we receive so many medical bills. Having affordable health Insurance would help my parents and other folks as well

Jorge Garcia

From: [Angel Atalaya](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 7:55:06 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Angel I live in Suffolk county. It is the most necessary thing for a human to request access to health Insurance

Angel Atalaya

From: [Jeremias Enriquez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 7:50:22 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Jeremias I live in New York. I think Health Insurance is necessary for my well-being and to be able to be in control with doctors.

Jeremias Enriquez

From: [Alesi Atolaya](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 7:40:28 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Alesi I live in Brentwood New York. Healthcare is a human right.

Alesi Atolaya

From: [Daira Garcia](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 7:37:35 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Daira I live in Suffolk county. having access to affordable health insurance would mean the world to me My parents are old and they desperately need to see a doctor. Please approve C4LL

Daira Garcia

From: [Digna Orellana](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 7:32:34 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Digna I live in Bay shore New York. I have so many family and friends that don't have health insurance and it's hard for them to have access to medical services. C4ALL would help them tremendously

Digna Orellana

From: [Blanca Perez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 7:27:49 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Blanca I live in Bay shore New York. Not having health insurance it's hard for me to have access to medical service

Blanca Perez

From: [Marisol Arias](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 11:22:43 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

We should all be treated equally - we need Coverage for All New Yorkers!

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Marisol Arias

From: [Martina Paulino](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 11:21:35 PM

Department of Health ,

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Martina Paulino

From: [Carmen Morales](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 11:17:25 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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Carmen Morales

From: [Mirian Chisag](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 11:12:11 PM

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Mirian Chisag

From: [Ana de los Angeles Chocha](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 11:07:37 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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Ana de los Angeles Chocha

From: [Ana Ogando](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 11:00:49 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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Ana Ogando

From: [Helsodora Herrera](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 10:55:08 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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From: [Johanna Andrade](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 10:51:59 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

We need Coverage for All for the good of our entire NY community.

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From: [Diana Bello](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 10:50:20 PM

Department of Health ,

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Diana Bello

From: [Virginia Sanchez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 10:48:03 PM

Department of Health ,

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Virginia Sanchez

From: [Patricia Ines Fernandez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 10:46:51 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Coverage for All is a necessity for us all. We are contributing members of our community and NY and deserve access to health insurance.

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Patricia Ines Fernandez

From: [Yosaida Martinez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 10:43:36 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Having healthcare is a basic necessity. We are all deserving human beings and not everyone has the means to afford medical services without insurance. We need Coverage for All.

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Yosaida Martinez

From: [Erika Miniguan](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 10:41:55 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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Erika Miniguan

From: [Mirian Vital](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 10:40:27 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Mirian Vital and I live in Brooklyn. I do not have health insurance and it is extremely difficult to get the services I need to take care of my health and that of my family. I support and need Coverage for All.

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Mirian Vital

From: [Francu Gaviria](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 10:38:20 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

With access to health insurance, we can guarantee we will receive the quality of medical attention we need and deserve. We need Coverage for All.

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Francu Gaviria

From: [Francisca Monroy](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 10:36:19 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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Francisca Monroy

From: [Elizabeth Temou](#)
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Elizabeth Temou

From: [Guadalupe Salas](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 6:58:18 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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Guadalupe Salas

From: [Jessica Tiro](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 6:56:00 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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My name is Jessica and I live in Brooklyn. I think health insurance is important for my family and I to make sure we have a healthy life.

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Jessica Tiro

From: [Maricela Chicaiza](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 6:53:24 PM

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Maricela Chicaiza

From: [Isabel Quinatoa](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 6:51:06 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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My name is Isabel Quinatoa, I think it's essential to have health insurance to check my health and prevent any sickness. Having access to health insurance will allow people to have a longer life

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Isabel Quinatoa

From: [Gilmar Luna](#)
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Gilmar Luna

From: [Jesus Sanchez Romero](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 6:45:03 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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Jesus Sanchez Romero

From: [Belen Deaquino](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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Department of Health ,

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Belen Deaquino

From: [Gorqui Medina](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 6:40:07 PM

Department of Health ,

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My name is Gorqui Medina, I believe that health insurance should be accessible to everyone independently of their immigration status

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From: [Juana Peralta](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 6:26:04 PM

Department of Health ,

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Without access to health insurance it is very difficult for me to have access to medical services and my life is a risk because of this. We need Health Insurance because noone should risk their health sue to lack of insurance

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Mazeda Uddin

From: [Erick Ramirez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 6:20:01 PM

Department of Health ,

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My name is Erick Ramirez and I'm from the Bronx. I am young and I would like to have access health insurance just like anybody else.

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Erick Ramirez

From: [Melissa Escano](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 6:15:52 PM

Department of Health ,

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It is important that we continue to expand medical access for every person in NY. After everything we've been through with the pandemic it's outrageous to even consider eliminating of these programs. The state has a moral responsibility and humanity responsibility to protect our people.

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Melissa Escano

From: [edith Munoz](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 6:06:43 PM

Department of Health ,

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edith Munoz

From: [Gwen Raphan](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 3:53:06 PM

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To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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Carrie Tracy

From: [Raul Segarra](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 2:49:02 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I have lived in NYC for many years, more than I lived in my home country. As a taxpaying New Yorker, I need Coverage for All because it would help secure my wellbeing and I can continue to contribute not only to my community but also my family and loved ones. I am an elderly man who faces many health issues and having access to health insurance would help protect me and my family. Do not go back on your word and help your people, Governor Hochul.

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Raul Segarra

From: Margarita Tellez <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 2:01 AM
To: doh.sm.NYSOH.Team <NYSOH.Team@health.ny.gov>
Subject: I support Healthcare Coverage For All and use of federal funds

Department of Health ,

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Margarita Tellez

From: [Rachel Weaber](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 12:59:33 PM

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Rachel Weaber

From: [Deborah Herdan](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 12:42:57 PM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Nelly Narvaez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 11:40:41 AM

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Nelly Narvaez

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Emily Mervosh

From: [sarahlafontant](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 11:09:29 AM

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sarahlafontant

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Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 10:39:03 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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I have worked over 30 years in New York and have only been able to have emergency Medicaid. Every time I visit a specialist I have to pay \$145.00. This is not fair!

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Maggie Obando

From: [Lucesta Morell](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 10:36:13 AM

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From: [Erin Alfaron](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 10:34:19 AM

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From: [Sofia Salas Soto](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 10:32:49 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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Department of Health ,

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From: [Juan Copon](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 10:18:19 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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Juan Copon

From: [Maria Velez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 10:15:57 AM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Alexander Baldwin](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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From: [Maira Garcia](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 10:14:38 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I live in Queens, I think it is important that all people have health insurance regardless of their immigration status. We need access to preventive care and to see a dr not only when we are sick.

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From: [Lily Rosan](#)
To: doh.sm.NYSOH.Team
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Lily Rosan

From: [David Cumbe](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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From: [Mayra Saguy](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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Gladys Velez

From: [Dalia Islas](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 9:42:03 AM

Department of Health ,

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Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 9:40:16 AM

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Juana Castrejo

From: [Leticia Abad](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 9:35:56 AM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Angeloz Obamso](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 9:30:25 AM

Department of Health ,

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Maria Pilar Gonzalez Jimenez

From: wats.emarie
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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Lourdes Huerta

From: [Maria Barbecho](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 8:59:53 AM

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Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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From: [Gloria Correa](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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From: [Noel Hurtado](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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Judy Jacob

From: [Rosa Hernandez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 8:51:23 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I am writing to oppose the 1332 State Innovation Waiver application because it excludes immigrants.

Governor Hochul please have some consideration of our immigrant communities. We need healthcare coverage to take care of our health. If you help us there is no doubt you will have our support going forward, but if you don't how can we forget you broke your promise?

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From: [Brayan Capuz](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 8:48:51 AM

Department of Health ,

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Brayan Capuz

From: [Maria Angela Lezama](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 8:47:00 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I am writing to oppose the 1332 State Innovation Waiver application because it excludes immigrants.

Governor Hochul please think about our health and stay true to your promise an include our immigrant New Yorkers! Healthcare is a universal right!

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Maria Angela Lezama

From: [Angele Coloma](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 8:42:54 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I am writing to oppose the 1332 State Innovation Waiver application because it excludes immigrants.

All New Yorkers need healthcare coverage! It is everyone's right and we need it now!
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Angele Coloma

From: [Juan Garcia](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 8:38:44 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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Juan Garcia

From: [Reyna Jimenez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 8:36:31 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I support Coverage for All because it is necessary for our health and for everyone in New York to be well.

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Reyna Jimenez

From: [Miguelina Reyes](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 8:35:16 AM

Department of Health ,

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Miguelina Reyes

From: [Linda Munoz](#)
To: doh.sm.NYSOH.Team
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 8:34:00 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Having access to health insurance is the most important thing to secure our health and wellbeing. I support Coverage for All.

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Linda Munoz

From: [Sonia Torres](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 8:32:22 AM

Department of Health ,

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Sonia Torres

From: [Jose Mirona](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 8:32:18 AM

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Jose Mirona

From: [Greisy Guzman](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 8:30:57 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My family and I are recently arrived to NY. We already face many struggles as new members of this community like accessing work, stable housing, etc. Having access to health insurance would relieve a great stress and burden and give us some sense of security and wellbeing.

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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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Department of Health ,

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It's a necessity for every New Yorker! It's difficult to pursue a healthy life if we can't see a doctor!

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Andrea Guanin

From: [Juan Garcia](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 8:29:17 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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From: [Johanny Brito](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 8:28:25 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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From: [Reina Jimenez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 8:27:35 AM

Department of Health ,

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Reina Jimenez

From: [Jose Gregorio](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 8:26:40 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Jose Gregorio and I am grateful and happy to count on your support for Coverage for All as promised.

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From: [Miguelina Reyes](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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Miguelina Reyes

From: [Sara Ramirez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 8:24:58 AM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Linda Munoz](#)
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Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 8:23:35 AM

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From: [Esperanza Zabala](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 8:22:57 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Esperanza Zabala and I believe the utmost important thing is having good health. In having good health, we can enjoy many things with our families. Having access to healthcare would help make that happen and all of us living in this beautiful city of New York deserve to have your support for Coverage for All.

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From: [Geneveva Ambros](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 8:20:17 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Hello, my name is Genoveva and I live in Jackson Heights, NY. I am a person that loves to exercise and love to share that work with many in my community. I do not have access to health insurance and am begging for your support. All families need and deserve access to health insurance because it is essential in maintaining our good health. We need your help, please and thank you!

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From: [Daisy Berrezueta](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 8:17:37 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

All immigrants need and deserve a healthy and dignified wellbeing. With your help Governor Hochul and the help of all those in legislative power, we can all obtain the healthcare we need as a human right. It should not matter one's immigration status to access health coverage. We are all children of God. Thank you for your help.

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From: [Shirley Gonzalez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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From: [Maria Paola Carrasquillo](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 8:14:46 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I work in the Department of Education and have seen firsthand how not having access to health insurance not only affects an individual but their entire family.

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From: [Mirian Vega](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 8:13:19 AM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Cesar Zabala](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 8:11:48 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Cesar Zabala and I have lived in New York for a long time. It has been difficult for me to access healthcare services and get the proper information to help get myself insured. I support Coverage for All because it would of great help to us in the immigrant community. It would give us the power to access necessary medical services and be able to share that information with other friends and families.

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From: [Julia Loja](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 8:09:09 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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From: [Tania Chaijuan](#)
To: doh.sm.NYSOH.Team
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 8:07:20 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I am Tania Chaijuan and I live in Queens. I need you to not deprive me of my health insurance. Please pass the Coverage for All New Yorkers.

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From: [Arlene Alba Bautista](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 7:57:21 AM

Department of Health ,

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Damien Andrade

From: [Melvin Megia](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 12:14:15 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 12:08:34 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Every person without status discrimination deserves good health. In addition, we all pay income taxes, rent and more payments for NY. Please keep your promise, Mrs. Hochul, health is a right for all.

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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 12:00:25 AM

Department of Health ,

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Karol Saavedra

From: [Carmen Araujo](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 11:54:35 PM

Department of Health ,

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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 11:44:05 PM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Julia Loja](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 11:24:00 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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From: [Julio Rosales](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 11:18:25 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

We immigrants need a lot of money to maintain our health. We have children there are few jobs for us living costs are high and we can't afford the high medical bill prices. The remaining budget was mean to help for health coverage for all. Comply with your promises and keep these funding for new yorkers without looking their immigration status. We all have the right to health insurance.

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From: [Hendry Pesantes](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 11:09:22 PM

Department of Health ,

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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 11:04:22 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

It is very important that we all have a medical insurance if you don't include us on this new law you are discriminating us. Please Governor Huchul health is a human right and is for everybody without discrimination.

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To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 10:56:46 PM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Grace Gomez](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 10:30:38 PM

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To: doh.sm.NYSOH.Team
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 10:25:24 PM

Department of Health ,

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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 10:16:33 PM

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Nubia Duque

From: [Jose Sosa](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 10:13:18 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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Nelson Quispe

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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 9:57:20 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 9:45:51 PM

Department of Health ,

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To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 8:42:50 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 8:34:36 PM

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Sincerely,

Amanda Ramsdell, MD

From: [Saumya Kasliwal](#)
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Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Haley Padilla I live in Brentwood New York. As a member of my Spanish community, it really breaks my heart how people don't have access to health insurance, this should be for everyone. C4ALL!!!

Haley Padilla

From: [Jeff Sammon](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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Jeff Sammon

From: [Katya Flores](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 7:09:47 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Katya Flores I live in Brentwood, New York. As a health advocate who works in the community, having affordable healthcare accessible to everyone would be so helpful to so many families in need of a doctor. my service to the very large population of low-income and uninsured who desperately need service due to a cancer diagnosis and other health-related causes. No ONE should be without medical service it is a humankind necessity.

Katya Flores

From: [Yudith Martinez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 7:02:13 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Yudith I live in Suffolk county. I haven't attended to a gynecologist in 5 yrs because I can't afford health insurance when I feel paid I take over-the-counter medicine to calm the pain but isn't enough. with Coverage for all i go to an affordable gynecologist

Yudith Martinez

From: [Suzie Jozkowski](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
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Suzie Jozkowski

From: [Katerine Lazo](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 6:57:30 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Katerine I live in Suffolk county. New Yorkers need access to healthcare to be healthy and not worries that they are putting their life at risk for not having health insurance

Katerine Lazo

From: [Sonia Martinez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 6:54:29 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Sonia I live in Central Islip, New York. I don't have health insurance I rarely visit the doctor because it is very expensive for each visit and lab exam. Please approve C4ALL it would help all New Yorkers tremendously. Thank you!

Sonia Martinez

From: [Brenda Davila](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 6:49:11 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Brenda Davila I live in Central Islip. I would like to have access to affordable health care because it is hard for me to find affordable medical assistance.

Brenda Davila

From: [Victor Heredio](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 6:45:49 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Victor and I live in New York. Our well-being and health it is important for all humans. For that reason, all New Yorkers need to have access to affordable health care. May we all live a happy and peaceful life

Victor Heredio

From: [Tony Alarcon](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
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Tony Alarcon

From: [Mayra Iglesias](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 5:47:59 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Mayra I live in Suffolk county. I am sick and I gotta pay each time I go to the hospital or doctor's office because I don't have health insurance.

Mayra Iglesias

From: [Cristian Avila](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 5:39:47 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Cristian and I live in Queens. It is crucial that we make sure all New Yorkers have access to health insurance without having to worry about medical debt and bills. We need Coverage for All!

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From: [Fredesvinda Vasquez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 5:37:51 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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From: [Maria Luisa Gambale](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 5:35:02 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Hi, my name is Maria and I volunteer in Brooklyn with newly arrived immigrants. I do not want to see anyone without health insurance. It is a human right.

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From: [Freddy Antonio Diaz Mujica](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 5:33:13 PM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Jessica Cardenas](#)
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Jessica Cardenas

From: [clara_badillo](#)
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clara_badillo

From: [Maria Lane](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 4:09:20 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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Anuja Pothireddy

From: [David Silva](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 3:12:00 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Davi, I think we all need medical insurance because it is so difficult to access health services and sometimes I put my life at risk.

David Silva

From: [Pedro Castillo](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
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From: [Ana Coraisaca](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 3:08:55 PM

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To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 3:00:32 PM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Jenny Pinde](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 2:55:30 PM

Department of Health ,

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My name is Jenny. I think having health insurance is essential because we need it for our health

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Michelle Kraus

From: [Isabel Zarco](#)
To: doh.sm.NYSOH.Team
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Department of Health ,

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My name is Isabel Zaro and I live in Ridgewood. I need health insurance because I have asthma and I can not afford the medical expenses

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Isabel Zarco

From: [Veronica Gomez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 2:43:25 PM

Department of Health ,

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My name is Veronica and I believe that is very important for everyone to have access to health insurance.

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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 2:40:25 PM

Department of Health ,

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My name is Galo Sanchez is because I need insurance to take care of my health, with out health we cannot work

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From: [Yurilia Guerrero](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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Department of Health ,

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Yurilia Guerrero

From: [Lorenz Roque](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 2:34:11 PM

Department of Health ,

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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 2:30:56 PM

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From: [Bernd Neumann](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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From: [Gloria Regalado](#)
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Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 1:55:30 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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From: [Dania Pineda](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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From: [Franklin Guaman](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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Department of Health ,

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Bernarda Torres

From: [Najeli Enriquez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 1:50:10 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Najeli Enriquez and I live in Brooklyn. I support Coverage for All - I would like to have access to affordable healthcare because going to a doctor is very expensive and I cannot afford to pay.

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From: [Viviana Wajuyata](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 1:48:36 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Viviana and I live in the Queens area. Without access to health insurance it is very hard me to take access necessary services to take care of my health. Having Coverage for All is crucial for my wellbeing - with good health, I can continue to work.

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From: [Gean Carlos Queirido](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 1:46:33 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I live in Brooklyn, NY and having affordable health insurance as an undocumented person brings great help and support in the financial burdens of accessing medical services. Healthcare is truly essential especially in the cases of sudden illness or in treating something preventable. Without healthcare, it is very difficult to afford and access necessary medical treatments and services.

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From: [Jorge Pickling](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 1:42:44 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I join this fight and support Coverage for All. It is indispensable to have access to healthcare and even more so when it is needed by people of lesser resources and lower incomes.

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Jorge Pickling

From: [Mauyuri Diaz](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 1:41:06 PM

Department of Health ,

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Mauyuri Diaz

From: [Carmen Paola Rincon](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 1:40:04 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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From: [Orlando Perez Perez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 1:33:20 PM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Pablo Albonmoz](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 1:32:16 PM

Department of Health ,

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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 1:30:46 PM

Department of Health ,

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Ramon Guzman

From: [Eugenio Vazquez Polanco](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 1:29:33 PM

Department of Health ,

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To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 1:27:42 PM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Maria Rodriguez](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 1:17:51 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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Maria Rodriguez

From: [Kimberly Martinez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 1:15:57 PM

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Kimberly Martinez

From: [Juana Chiriboya](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 1:14:40 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I believe everyone should have access to healthcare. Those who work have to pay a great amount when going to the doctor. It is necessary that all New Yorkers receive the medical attention they deserve - this is why we need Coverage for All!

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Juana Chiriboya

From: [Yasmin Medina](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 1:12:13 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Yasmin and I live in Brentwood for the past 13 yrs + without being able to access affordable health Insurance. I received bills that high because I don't have health Insurance. C4ALL would help so many that are struggling like me with medical or hospital bills. Thank you!

Yasmin Medina

From: [Eddy Martinez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 1:12:06 PM

Department of Health ,

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Eddy Martinez

From: [Nelly Ichina](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 1:10:33 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I need Coverage for All because having access to health insurance is very important. Without insurance, it is very hard to obtain the adequate services I need because I do not have the means to pay for these expensive medical services.

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Nelly Ichina

From: [Holger Rivera](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 1:08:30 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Coverage for All is essential to help us gain access to affordable healthcare. Without it, we do count on the resources to be able to pay for necessary medical services.

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Holger Rivera

From: [Isela Chavez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 1:07:51 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Isela I live in Suffolk county. Healthcare is a human right. By approving C4ALL many New Yorkers would be very happy they have access to affordable healthcare

Isela Chavez

From: [Jorge Chinchay](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 1:07:04 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Jorge and Coverage for All is very necessary. It is an essential need because our health is very important and we are exposed to many variables and emergencies in our day to day lives. You need to support Coverage for All.

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Jorge Chinchay

From: [Alejandra Serrano](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 1:05:12 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Hi, my name is Alejandra I live in Suffolk county. My family, friends, and co-workers need health insurance. After getting covid-19 my health has gotten worst. Health insurance will help me and many others going thru the same thing. Thank you!

Alejandra Serrano

From: [Daisy Hernandez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 1:04:35 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Daisy Hernandez and I live in Queens. I do not have a health insurance that grants me access to necessary dental and vision services. I need Coverage for All.

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From: [Daniela Maxi](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 1:03:17 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Coverage for All is necessary to make healthcare more accessible for all New Yorkers. That way we can take care of our health to work better and live without so many insecurities and stress.

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From: [Alma Aguilar](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 1:01:46 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Alma and Coverage for All is important for my own good and that of my family. With access to low-cost or no-cost healthcare, my family and I will live in peace and be happy.

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Alma Aguilar

From: [Telmo Rene Lema](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 1:00:04 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Telmo and I live in Queens. Without health insurance, it is near impossible to access the services I need. Coverage for All is a necessary plan and good for us all.

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From: [Emily Pontanares](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 12:55:17 PM

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Emily Pontanares

From: [Fatmawati Tuyulawe](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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Fatmawati Tuyulawe

From: [Elizabeth Boyle](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 12:42:43 PM

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From: [Karla Rodezmo](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 12:27:20 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Keep your promises, Governor Hochul. Grant us Coverage for All - an essential health insurance without discriminating those of us who do not have an immigration status. It is very difficult to be sick and not be able to access health services because we lack the money to pay for it.

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Karla Rodezmo

From: [Esperanza Zabala](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 12:25:14 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Healthcare should be accessible and to all and you can make that happen with Coverage for all - an essential plan for all New Yorkers. Help all of us have good health in this country - without health, nothing works.

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Esperanza Zabala

From: [Carlos Hernandez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 12:23:16 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Carlos Hernandez and I am not eligible for health insurance. I support Coverage for All because I too would like to have access to healthcare, especially for dental services.

I am writing to oppose the 1332 State Innovation Waiver application because it excludes immigrants.

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From: [Susie Raisher](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 12:21:28 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Coverage for all means coverage for ALL. We are only has healthy as our sickest New Yorkers - excluding the most vulnerable is not only morally reprehensible, but puts the health of all at risk. If we've learned anything over the past three years, surely it should be that.

Susie Raisher

From: [Jenny Criollo](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 12:21:06 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I support Coverage for All - we need an expansive and accessible healthcare plan for all New Yorkers including our immigrant communities. Please do not discriminate people and deprive them of their right to healthcare.

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Jenny Criollo

From: [German Rojas](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 12:17:37 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Help our community grow, Governor Hochul. Take care of your people - do not be ungrateful to the support we gave you and keep the promises you made to us New Yorkers.

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From: [Diana Villa](#)
To: doh.sm.NYSOH.Team
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Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 12:16:40 PM

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Diana Villa

From: [Ana Martinez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 12:15:03 PM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Ximena Lopez Yau](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 12:09:42 PM

Department of Health ,

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Ximena Lopez Yau

From: [Ericka Galeano Toledo](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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From: [Pablo Gutierrez Segu](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 12:05:18 PM

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Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 12:04:03 PM

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From: [Widni Desroisseaux](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 12:02:06 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I believe we need Coverage for All because it would be a great help and offers the security we need to be sure our children and families will receive the medical attention they deserve.

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From: [Samuel Gonzalez Flores](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 12:00:10 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

It is important to have Coverage for All - access to no-cost or low-cost health insurance for all. Having access to healthcare would help us prevent future illnesses. I know of many people that because they lack access to healthcare, they find themselves in serious situations and conditions that could have been prevented and avoided.

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From: [Yelissa Adames](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 11:57:45 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Yelissa Adames and I am single mother of two children, living in Brooklyn. I barely make enough to pay my rent - I cannot imagine not having access to healthcare and not being able to afford the necessary medical services. In the same way, many in our communities also need Coverage for All.

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From: [Melissa Cando](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 11:54:36 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Melissa and I am a stay-at-home mother. I take care of my child and my health is most important so that I can be well and healthy to care for my family as well. I need Coverage for All.

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From: [Joselyn Chano](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 11:53:06 AM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Analza Tejada](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 11:51:37 AM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Joni Carino](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 11:50:26 AM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Maria Rodriguez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 11:49:23 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Maria Rodriguez and I live in Brooklyn. I support Coverage for All because I believe everyone should have access to healthcare. My sister has cancer and people like her need access to all the medical services necessary, regardless of their immigration status.

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From: [Ana Florentino Nunez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 11:47:26 AM

Department of Health ,

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Ana Florentino Nunez

From: [Jomyer Garcia](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 11:46:53 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Hi, I live in New York, Suffolk county. I think it would be a good idea to have access to affordable healthcare. Hospital visits are expensive, I received a high bill from my last visit to the ER. If I had health insurance I wouldn't have to go to the hospital when I'm sick

Jomyer Garcia

From: [Sonia Chang](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 11:46:27 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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Sonia Chang

From: [Clara Cortes](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 11:34:59 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Clara. I live in New York for approximately 20 yrs + without any health insurance, and I've realized how hard it is to be without health insurance. It is very expensive to pay for a doctor's visit and hospital visits. I risk my life everyday for not being able to afford healthcare, I'm sure there are more folks like me. Please approved C4ALL

Clara Cortes

From: [Daniel Alvarado](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 11:31:30 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I support Coverage for All because it would make healthcare more accessible and less expensive for those who cannot afford co-pays or paying fully out of pocket.

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Daniel Alvarado

From: [Juan Olivia](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 11:30:28 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Hello Governor Hochul

I live in Suffolk county. I believe all new yorkers need accessible healthcare is a human right

Juan Olivia

From: [Mabel Pachó](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 11:30:09 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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Mabel Pachó

From: [Oliva Inmaculada](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 11:28:09 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Hi, my name is Olivia. It is very important to have access to affordable health insurance for everyone no matter race, gender, or skin color

Oliva Inmaculada

From: [Veronica Corril](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 11:27:51 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Veronica Corril and I think everyone should have insurance.

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From: [Jessica Mastache](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 11:26:40 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

It is important for all people to have access to healthcare, even if it is just for an annual check-up.

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Jessica Mastache

From: [Isabel Lito](#)
To: doh.sm.NYSOH.Team
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 11:25:09 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I think insurance is important to everyone because people need to stay healthy for a healthier environment.

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From: [Esmeralda Tenen](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 11:16:38 AM

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Soy una de muchos inmigrantes que recide en la ciudad de NEW York tenemos la nesecida de UN seguro medico ya que por algun problema medico que tengamos que no sea grave no tenemos asistencia Hecemos un pedido a las autoridades correspondents approval una ley q nos ayudes en nuestros pedidos Gracias

Esmeralda Tenen

From: [Andres SanJuan](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 11:08:29 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Andres I live in Suffolk county NY. Health Coverage for all would help so many hard-working families here in New York

Andres SanJuan
andresisanjuan@gmail.com

Brentwood, New York 11717

From: [Maria Cordoba](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 11:06:01 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Maria I live in Suffolk county. Healthcare is a human right. So many people in New York are currently uninsured because they cannot afford healthcare.

Maria Cordoba

From: [Abby Kleiman](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 10:58:17 AM

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Abby Kleiman

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Kyra Armstrong

From: [Vanessa Dell](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 10:52:39 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I am writing to oppose the 1332 State Innovation Waiver application because it excludes undocumented immigrants, who are integral to the functioning of our city, state, and country.

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We are all safer in the face of global public health threats when everyone has access to quality preventive healthcare. It also makes sense economically given that undocumented immigrants are forced to seek care in emergency rooms, which should be reserved for true emergencies. Including immigrants in the 1332 Wavier is both economically sensible and the right thing to do.

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Vanessa Dell

From: [Jose Giraldo](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 10:48:07 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I live in Suffolk county Healthcare Coverage for all is a human right

Jose Giraldo

From: [Ursula Bienavides](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 9:42:13 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I am a mother of 2 children who need medical care like myself. All New Yorkers need affordable healthcare

Ursula Bienavides

From: [Maria Hernandez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 9:39:40 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Coverage for all is essential. New Yorkers would benefit tremendously by having affordable healthcare there will be fewer visits to the hospital Emergency room. Health care for all no matter race, gender, or color.

Maria Hernandez

From: [Lina Cordaba](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 9:28:48 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Lina I live in Suffolk county, Healthcare is a right for everyone. every New yorker needs affordable health care.

Lina Cordaba

From: [Manuel Jimenez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 9:18:15 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Manuel and I live in Nassau county. I support my family and I cannot afford to get sick. I believe there are more people like me that would benefit from affordable health care.

Manuel Jimenez

From: [Theresa Thanjan](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 8:24:08 AM

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From: [Sonia Torres](#)
To: doh.sm.NYSOH.Team
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 10:55:28 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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I am an immigrant and I need healthcare coverage, so I can take care of my health!

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Sonia Torres

From: [Greisy Guzman](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 10:49:35 PM

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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 10:48:56 PM

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Kathy Nizzari

From: [Johanny Brito](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 10:44:47 PM

Department of Health ,

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Justin Philipps

From: [Stephanie Vargas](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 8:46:43 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My both parents are immigrants and worked hard here for over 20 years people like them deserve healthcare!!! I also work for NYC care and see daily how underserved this population is immigrants contribute to society as well and deserve access to healthcare.

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From: [Cindy Castro](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 8:40:17 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

We need your support for accessible healthcare. Prices are way too high. Please help us with this right to health care. Thanks for your collaboration with our immigrant population.

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From: [Nelly Aguadalsaca](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 8:28:50 PM

Department of Health ,

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Nelly Aguadalsaca

From: [Jose De la Cruz](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 8:22:23 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

The service was good while having this opportunity to see a doctor. I want to give thanks and please keep with this health insurance coverage.

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From: [Santa Cruz Suquilanda](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 8:16:25 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Healthcare is important because we all get sick and we need insurance coverage to stay healthy so we can work. Governor Hochul comply with your word without seeing our immigrant status.

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From: [Sandra Lozano](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 8:10:49 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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Sandra Lozano

From: [Javier Perez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 7:59:52 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Health is very important and not all of us count on the economic resources. Health is very important so we can work and keep contributing to this country. Please Governor keep your word to include our immigrant community. We are also humans.

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From: [Martha Villatoro](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 7:52:05 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Mrs. Governor keep on giving us the opportunity to check our health. There are a lot families with low incomes and our health is very important. Comply with your promises. We also contribute a lot to this country.

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From: [Maribel Mendoza](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 7:40:00 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

We all come to this country to work. Unfortunately we don't count with legal paper work. I have kids that are born here and it is truly painful to hear that you don't want us to be included. We want to have regular doctor visits to stay healthy. You have to comply with your word to include us for healthcare coverage. Thank you

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Maribel Mendoza

From: [Gladys Coloma](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 7:24:43 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

This cover 4 all program will help to deal with desperation and stress because of the lacking of health insurance. Please use the 9 million to help families with children that need to have a good quality life. Mrs. governor you promise the 1332 extension to enhanced healthcare programs please keep your word.

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Gladys Coloma

From: [Flor Palomino](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 7:11:02 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I ask you governor Hochul that please meet my community concerns. We are all humans beings and we need to be healthy so we can work hard and take care of our family.

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Flor Palomino

From: [Isabel Zamora](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 7:02:30 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Please don't take away the right to healthcare to immigrants since we are the ones without an opportunity to better jobs and salaries are very low. Please support the undocumented population passing the cover 4 all law.

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Isabel Zamora

From: [Juana Coloma](#)
To: doh.sm.NYSOH.Team
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 6:48:35 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

It is essential to have a health insurance. If you don't have one. You can't improve your health to be able to work and be full in this life

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From: [Nancy Vela](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 6:35:14 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Healthcare should come back to all. If Mrs. Hochul doesn't include us. She would never be our governor again.

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Nancy Vela

From: [Mercy Alejandro](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 6:26:29 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Without access to a health insurance it is very complicated to access to necessary services and I will put my health on risk. This is my reality and my community reality. That's why I am asking you to understand our needs.

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jamilahelder@yahoo.com

From: [Jose Peron](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 4:31:45 PM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Bastian Olivos](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 4:30:53 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I believe health and access to healthcare is important to us all. We all need a dignified and good quality of health, especially for our immigrant communities.

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From: [Yosselyn Aleman](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 4:29:08 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I support Coverage for all because in my opinion, healthcare is very important to us all Latinos.

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Yosselyn Aleman

From: [Mabel Moya](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 4:27:46 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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From: [Elian Medina](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 4:26:40 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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Elian Medina

From: [Yesika Malpica](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 4:25:17 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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From: [Jorge Vega](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 4:24:14 PM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Delia Chango](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 4:20:07 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

As women, we are exposed to many illnesses, especially if we are pregnant. Healthcare is very expensive and for those of us who do not work, and have partners that do, it can become even more complicated to access the services we need. Maybe they will not have enough money to help pay for medical attention and we are left to choose between feeding ourselves or not to get the help we need. Please support us and approve Coverage for All!

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From: [Liliana Rivas](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 4:17:36 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Coverage for All is essential. It is crucial to have equal access to healthcare and a good quality of health for all human beings, undocumented or not. In the end, we are all breathing living beings and deserve to have a wonderful life. Healthcare is fundamental to us all.

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To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 4:14:48 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Health and access to medical services is essential for all. Immigrants contribute to the consumer economy, the workforce, and it is a human right to have access to healthcare. We pay our taxes too and deserve to have a good quality of life and health.

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Julio Armando Veloz

From: [Juan Paredes](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 4:12:27 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Health is first and foremost the most important thing. Immigration status should not matter in having access to healthcare. Without good health, there is no life. Without life, there is nothing.

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Juan Paredes

From: [Angel Alvarez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 4:10:32 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

We all need access to healthcare and necessary medical services, for own good and the good of our families. Please include us in your 1332 extension, and do not ignore or exclude us in the immigrant community.

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Angel Alvarez

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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 4:08:24 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

A good quality of life should be for all and not discriminating those who do not have an immigration status. Besides, we all contribute to the local and nationwide economy with our jobs, taxes, etc. We deserve access to healthcare and coverage for all.

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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 4:06:10 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Governor Hochul, you promised us. Keep with your promise and include us immigrants in your 1332 extension. Do not exclude immigrants in your proposal. You promised to help us all with Coverage for All. We are all New Yorkers - living here and contributing to the local economy and growth. We deserve to have good health and access to healthcare without facing discrimination.

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Maria Chisaguano

From: [Humberto Vladimir Flores](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 4:03:00 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

It is very important to have good health to be a good person in our communities, our families, and our work. If we do not have good health, we cannot work. Do not forget and ignore us in the immigrant communities, Governor Hochul.

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From: [Blanca Mejia](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 3:55:25 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I want you all to listen and know that we, as a Latin immigrant community, need a healthcare program that is just and low-cost. It is difficult for us to grow as individuals and as a community - work is scarce, the cost of rent is unimaginable, and we need to live with dignified health. Keep your promise, Gover Hochul, and give us Coverage for All!

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From: [Susan Scheid](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 3:55:22 PM

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Susan Scheid

From: [Geovanny Flores](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 3:52:02 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

We are taxpayers in this country and contribute to the consumer economy as well. Healthcare is extremely expensive and you, Governor Hochul, promised to include us immigrants in your healthcare for all proposals. I don't know why you treat us like this now - are we not deserving human beings as well??

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From: [Mateo Guerrero-Tabares](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 3:44:28 PM

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Mateo Guerrero-Tabares

From: [Gloria Mejia](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 3:15:09 PM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Nayeli Anaya](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 3:12:06 PM

Department of Health ,

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Nayeli Anaya

From: C de Ben

Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 4:01 PM

To: doh.sm.NYSOH.Team <NYSOH.Team@health.ny.gov>

Subject: Use Federal Funds to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.

Department of Health ,

Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I strongly oppose the 1332 State Innovation Waiver application because it excludes immigrants.

Last year, you promised to reach out to the federal government to file a federal Waiver to ask for funding to expand the Essential Plan to cover ALL low-income New Yorkers—including immigrants. Including immigrants in the Waiver application will COST NY state NOTHING, and in fact, will generate budget savings. The State's Essential Plan Trust Fund Account has an existing \$9 billion surplus and is estimated to generate an additional \$2 billion annual surplus. The state's waiver application should use this \$2 billion in federal funding to pay for expanded coverage for immigrants. As you are aware, federal rules say trust funds can only be used to pay for health insurance coverage.

Providing health insurance for immigrant communities – including hundreds of thousands of essential workers like NY building porters - who have kept our state functioning during a three-year pandemic – is both morally and fiscally responsible. Expanding coverage would come at NO COST to NY state and would AVOID \$500 million in annual Emergency MEDICAID COSTS incurred when uninsured patients seek emergency care at our hospitals. It would also increase revenues for our health care providers by providing them essential plan rates instead of Medicaid (which is lower) and reduce the amount of uncompensated care they provide.

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C de Ben

From: [Linda Cox](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 2:59:21 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul and NYS Department of Health,

I am writing to oppose the 1332 State Innovation Waiver application as it stands now because it excludes immigrants.

Last year, you said you would ask the federal government to expand the Essential Plan to cover all low-income New Yorkers—including immigrants. Including immigrants in the Waiver application will cost the state nothing, and in fact, may generate budget savings. The State's Essential Plan Trust Fund Account has an existing \$9 billion surplus which is expected to grow. The state's waiver application should use federal funding to pay for expanded coverage for immigrants.

I am a New York resident. I believe my health status, and that of my family, will be safer if ALL residents of New York, whatever their immigration status, have access to health care.

Providing health insurance for immigrant communities – including hundreds of thousands of essential workers who have helped keep our state functioning during a three-year pandemic – is both morally and fiscally responsible.

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Thank you for your attention to this message.

Linda Cox

From: [Maria. L Carrasco](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 2:32:58 PM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Tutty Andrea](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 2:26:57 PM

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Tutty Andrea

From: [Eva Trigotenco](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 2:17:40 PM

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From: [Javier Mendizabal](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 2:10:26 PM

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From: [Cynthia Gonzalez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
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Cynthia Gonzalez

From: [Nancy Ward](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 1:45:51 PM

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From: [Daniel Tainow](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 1:37:38 PM

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From: [Jocelyn Mayancela](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 1:34:23 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Everyone should be able to have access to health insurance to ensure that we will have financial help when we have to pay our bills.

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Jocelyn Mayancela

From: [Alex Stavis](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 1:24:36 PM

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From: [Israa Ismail](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
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Israa Ismail

From: [Aracely Rom](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 1:15:59 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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It is very important to me to have health insurance because I am a working mother in this country and I am interested in taking care of my health. It's very expensive to cover for a visit with a doctor and our salaries are extremely low so the only way to have this access is if we have health coverage for all.

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Sam Eaton

From: [Sergio Gomez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 1:05:09 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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We need health coverage for all because no one is exempt from a disease and so many viruses exist and this is the only way we can be healthy and have access to getting check ups

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From: [Claire Deroche](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 1:03:53 PM

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Governor Hochul, I voted for you because I thought you were the progressive alternative NYS

needed. Please don't disappoint me and thousands of other like minded voters. Do not allow the 1332 State Innovation Waiver application to go forward until it includes immigrants.

Claire Deroche

From: [Luz Ceballos](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 1:00:35 PM

Department of Health ,

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I am diabetic and I need treatment to have a good health. I am an immigrant and I am in need of this as it will help me have access to health coverage and help me with the treatment I need

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Luz Ceballos

From: [Bella Flores](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 12:57:12 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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Bella Flores

From: [Aura Galicia](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 12:55:10 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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I live in the Queens area and I think it's important to have health insurance because our health is essential. With a health insurance we could have coverage for an emergency and for regular check ups to make sure our health is in good conditions

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From: [Lizardo Mayancela](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 12:54:42 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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From: [George Sucuzhanay](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 12:50:14 PM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Diego Pineda](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 12:47:02 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I am writing to oppose the 1332 State Innovation Waiver application because it excludes immigrants.

My name is Diego and I live in Queens. I support having health coverage for all New Yorkers. In the past I've needed health coverage but did not have access to it, therefore I think that it is very important for everyone to have it and be able to have access to medical attention

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Diego Pineda

From: [Dr. C. M. Pyle](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 12:40:59 PM

Department of Health ,

Governor Hochul, Department of Health, et al.:

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I also hope you will begin paying attention to New Yorkers' wishes for our State.

Dr. C. M. Pyle

From: [Jhonny Soriano](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 12:28:51 PM

Department of Health ,

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RICHARD STERN

From: [Maira Ragas Quinones](#)
To: doh.sm.NYSOH.Team
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 12:26:57 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I am writing to oppose the 1332 State Innovation Waiver application because it excludes immigrants.

My name is Maira Ragas and I support this campaign to have health coverage for all because it will benefit the immigrant community.

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Maira Ragas Quinones

From: [Marian Lopez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 12:25:04 PM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Dharmdeo Persaud](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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From: [Maribel Aparicio](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 11:38:41 AM

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Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 11:38:14 AM

Department of Health ,

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Our communities are served and uplifted by the large immigrant population here in New York. These are folks who work in restaurants, construction sites, hotels, and many more essential jobs. They more than deserve to have access to health services like any other New Yorker who lives in this city.

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From: [Olga Urrego](#)
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It is only fair that we allow access for everyone to have equal advantage in receiving healthcare. These are people living in poor conditions in communities at risk of many sicknesses and disease.

Darlene Santana

From: [Candy Garcia](#)
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From: [Kulaporn Sumanon](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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Department of Health ,

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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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Department of Health ,

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Department of Health ,

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My name is Gabriela and I live in East Elmhurst. For a long time, I have needed health insurance for not just physical needs but emotionally as well. Because I do not have health insurance, it has greatly affected and influenced my life as well as my family.

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Gabriela Paiero

From: [Maria Frayre](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 11:15:40 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Maria Frayre and I live in the Queens area. I support Coverage for All because it is important and essential for any medical emergency.

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From: [Maria Q](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 11:06:39 AM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Tobon Tobon](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 11:03:53 AM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Claudia Gomez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 11:00:46 AM

Department of Health ,

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Claudia Gomez

From: [Brenda Barrera](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 10:59:33 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I support Coverage for All because it is very important for all immigrants to have access to health insurance and receive the medical attention they deserve.

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Brenda Barrera

From: [Rosa Encalada](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 10:58:08 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Rosa Encalada and I support Coverage for All. I want health insurance for all New Yorkers because it is necessary for our health and wellbeing.

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Rosa Encalada

From: [Blanca Palaguachi](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 10:56:15 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I support Coverage for All and would like to petition and demand coverage for all New Yorkers, especially those in our immigrant communities.

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Blanca Palaguachi

From: [Maria Griselda Casuin Rolon](#)
To: doh.sm.NYSOH.Team
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 10:54:50 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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From: [Cristian Sanchez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 10:48:35 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Cristian and I support coverage for all. Health insurance for all is essential to me because we all work and contribute to the local, state, and nationwide economy. We all need access to health insurance.

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From: [Catalina Ramirez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 10:46:11 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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Catalina Ramirez

From: [Emmy Cantos](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 10:38:00 AM

Department of Health ,

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I am a daughter of immigrants and live in a neighborhood of immigrants. I have family members who work so so so hard, pay their taxes, and bring value to our communities and are still unable to access health care. If even for us citizens and immigrants that are able to get health insurance have to constantly advocate for ourselves with big pharma and do our best to find quality and attentive care, find it daunting, stressful and devaluing, I know that our brothers and sisters who are undocumented have multiple layers more to simply access help to live and get medical care. They are our parents, siblings, uncles/aunts, grandparents, baby sitters etc. Do not do this to us! Especially when so many of us had better expectations from a woman leader.

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From: [Michael Heimbinder](#)
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Michael Heimbinder

From: [michelle millan](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
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michelle millan

From: [Wanny Mei](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 9:51:09 AM

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Wanny Mei

From: [Michael Lombardi](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 9:22:26 AM

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Michael Lombardi

From: [Arielle Wisbaum](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 9:14:31 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I am writing to oppose the 1332 State Innovation Waiver application because it excludes immigrants. I represent trans, gender non confirming, intesex, and HIV-positive immigrant New Yorkers in immigration applications and proceedings to help folks maintain and sustain access to healthcare. It is crucial for these communities to receive comprehensive, unbiased, and gender-affirming care. The only way to make this a reality is to ensure that all immigrants have access to healthcare, regardless of their immigration status.

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From: [Hannah Torrey](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 8:40:28 AM

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Hannah Torrey

From: [Joseph Pfister](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 8:05:34 AM

Department of Health ,

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Joseph Pfister

From: [Anne Ginsberg](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 8:00:41 AM

Department of Health ,

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Health care is essential for every person, and it is cruel to exclude people from an essential part of life.

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Anne Ginsberg

From: [Jon McFarlane](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 2:00:25 AM

Department of Health ,

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Jon McFarlane

From: [Maria Rubio](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Sunday, March 5, 2023 10:37:58 PM

Department of Health ,

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Maria Rubio

From: [Bill Jordan](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Sunday, March 5, 2023 4:39:22 PM

Department of Health ,

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Bill Jordan

From: [William Jordan](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Sunday, March 5, 2023 3:26:41 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I am writing as a family doctor to oppose the 1332 State Innovation Waiver application because it excludes immigrants.

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From: [Maria Guerrero](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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From: [Mateo Guerrero-Tabares](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Sunday, March 5, 2023 11:03:46 AM

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From: liz.castellano
To: doh.sm.NYSOH.Team
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Sunday, March 5, 2023 9:05:31 AM

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liz castellano

From: [Angel Vera](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Saturday, March 4, 2023 8:02:47 AM

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From: [Fredy Garcia](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 11:54:17 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Undocumented workers deserved to have access to health care. Without health insurance, they are getting many chronic diseases. They need to be able to go to a doctor and take care of their health on time. Health insurance is a human right.

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Fredy Garcia

From: [denisgomez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 6:38:31 PM

Department of Health ,

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denisgomez

From: [Ester Bautista](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 4:24:03 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Medical insurance is a necessities for every human being. Everybody should be able to have a medical insurance, no matter what.

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Ester Bautista

From: [Candida Lopez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 4:23:06 PM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Aaron Acosta](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 4:21:03 PM

Department of Health ,

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Without medical insurance, people will not be able to take care of themselves. We all need medical insurance, it's a human right of ours and would make it impossible to keep our health good.

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Aaron Acosta

From: [Javier Acosta](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 4:18:10 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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From: [Juan Garcia](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 4:16:34 PM

Department of Health ,

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Juan Garcia

From: [Ylse Olaya](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 4:14:26 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Ylse Olaya, I live in Queens. I think that medical insurance is important for everyone because we all have a diversity of needs for our health. With the pandemic that may have just passed, families need medical insurance to keep themselves safe from getting sick and from going unwell. Everyone needs health insurance.

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From: [Maria Q](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 4:12:30 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Maria and live in Brooklyn. I don't have access to health insurance and for that reason is hard for me to get my medication and make my annual check-ups.

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Maria Q

From: [Rosa Perez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 4:11:12 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

It is necessary to have medical insurance because we need to be able to care for our health too and keep going with our life. We all should have medical insurance even if we may not belong from this country, we are human too.

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Rosa Perez

From: [Sara Parra](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 4:08:51 PM

Department of Health ,

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Sara Parra

From: [Blanca Alvarez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 4:08:35 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Blanca, I live in Queens and we need medical insurance because this time, right after the pandemic, we are still trying to recover any medical services and need these medical services for our health.

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Blanca Alvarez

From: [Angela Saravia](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 4:05:19 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Angela Saravia, I live in the area of Queens. I have medical insurance, but with payments that are way too high. It's not fair to those who are already old and have been here for a long time to have to keep paying these high payments and not be able to get a medical insurance.

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From: [Byron Valladarez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 4:03:56 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I think we need to have health insurance in order to have access to a medical provider to be able to check our health.

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From: [Marisol Hurtado](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 4:01:19 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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From: [Adriana Marcela Vabos](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 3:59:01 PM

Department of Health ,

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Adriana Marcela Vabos

From: [Cardina Tobon](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 3:57:02 PM

Department of Health ,

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Cardina Tobon

From: [Filadelfo De la Cruz](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 3:52:59 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Filadelfo, I live in Queens. You should help us get access to health coverage for everyone.

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From: [Noe Munoz](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 3:52:45 PM

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Noe Munoz

From: [Marlen Ramos](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 3:50:05 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Marlen Roman and I would like for you to help us all who pay taxes so we don't have any co-payments, and give us equal rights / benefits as people.

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From: [Fatima De Liranzo](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 3:48:08 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Fatima, I consider that is very difficult in this area to have full coverage of health insurance, we only get half coverage.

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Fatima De Liranzo

From: [Reyna Enamorado](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 3:44:48 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Reyna Enamorado. I live in Queens, NY. Getting access to medical insurance is complex, and I hope you can help us, thank you.

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From: [Susana Dominguez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 3:24:39 PM

Department of Health ,

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I believe that everyone having access to health insurance is very important. Immigrants don't have access to health insurance due to their immigration status but have been paying for taxes. An immigrant only sees a doctor when there is an emergency due to not having any coverage that will help medical services be affordable

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From: [Sonia Amarilla](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 3:17:24 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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My name is Sonia, I am a single mother and without health I wouldn't be able to work or take care of my children's expenses. We need coverage for all and be able to take care of our health

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Sonia Amarilla

From: [Merced Hernandez Varela](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 3:13:29 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Merced, I live in Queens, and in my community is hard to have access to health insurance and to have access to medical care. This is a reality for most of the members of my community.

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Merced Hernandez Varela

From: [Maria De Jesus](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 3:08:52 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Maria de Jesus, I live in East Elmhurst. Is fair for members of my community to have the right to have health insurance without having to pay because they also pay their taxes too.

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Maria De Jesus

From: [Cecelia Lara](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 3:04:55 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Cecilia Lara. I live in Staten Island is very hard to get medication and medical services without health insurance because is very expensive. And this is the same situation for most of my community.

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Cecelia Lara

From: [Karla Cayambe](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 3:01:03 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Karla, I live in Queens. I support this cause because I have undocumented families and they have the right to have health insurance because of their immigration status right now they don't have access to health insurance.

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Karla Cayambe

From: [Teresa Borja de Rojas](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 2:57:06 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I support Covera for all, so we can all have access to health insurance.

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Teresa Borja de Rojas

From: [Dulce Maria Sanchez Solar](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 2:52:59 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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Dulce Maria Sanchez Solar

From: [Margarita Fragoso](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 2:51:08 PM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Alizeli Espindola](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 2:48:33 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Alizeli. I live in the Queens community. I don't have any kind of insurance and being like this is hard. And not only me but many of us don't have access to health insurance because of our immigration status.

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Alizeli Espindola

From: [Luisa Quizhpi](#)
To: doh.sm.NYSOH.Team
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 2:45:06 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Luisa Quizhpi. I live in Queens. It's very difficult to pay for health insurance and that's the reason why our family doesn't have health insurance. Please help us have access to health insurance.

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Luisa Quizhpi

From: [Claudia Cardona](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 2:41:50 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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Claudia Cardona

From: [Elsa Morocho](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 2:33:39 PM

Department of Health ,

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My name is Elsa Morocho, we need insurance for all because its the only way we could take care of our health. If everyone has access t health insurance everyone will be healthy and be able to work

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Elsa Morocho

From: [Olga Chamorro](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 2:29:10 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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We politely ask that all people in our community be helped with medical insurance so that they can take care of their health. Thank you for helping the immigrant community

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Olga Chamorro

From: [Geraldine Mendez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 12:27:46 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I am Geraldine I came to New York Because in my country is difficult to get job, insurance meals is very poor, I think in this country I am going more easy to find these specially a insurance because it is a right that everyone must have independent of migration status, Please help us. writing to oppose the 1332 State Innovation Waiver application because it excludes immigrants.

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From: [Maria Quintanilla](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 12:24:58 PM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Luis Vasquez](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 12:21:46 PM

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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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From: [Gladys Mososita](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 12:12:46 PM

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To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 12:12:20 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Josefina, I live in Astoria Queens I'm writing these letter because is important to have access a health insurance for every body, in my case I have children that they need to see a pediatric all time. to oppose the 1332 State Innovation Waiver application because it excludes immigrants. It is important that every people

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From: [Lucy Montesdeoca](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 12:10:21 PM

Department of Health ,

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Its essential for us to have health coverage for all. I have been working for years, paying my taxes, and working hard to not depend on any governmental help. But when it comes my health, I simply can't afford to pay for a doctor on my own. It's too expensive!

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From: [Saul Ramon](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 12:05:33 PM

Department of Health ,

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It's important because when we get sick we don't seek a doctor right away. Us immigrants always wait until our health condition worsens before going to the doctor because there is no other way!

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From: [Marcelo Bautista](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 12:03:53 PM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Silvia Rojas](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 12:01:34 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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From: [Miguel Medel](#)
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Miguel Medel

From: [Maria Polanco](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 11:56:04 AM

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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 11:49:57 AM

Department of Health ,

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To not allow us to have health coverage is a way of setting us up for failure. Governor Hochul, we are not asking for a luxury nor something unreachable. All we ask as human beings is the right to see a doctor. Not only when we have an emergency!

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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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From: [Natalio Rojas](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 11:43:31 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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My name is Oscar and I think all immigrants should have access to health insurance. I also think that once we have access to health insurance it should be affordable and the copay for medicine should not be costly so we can all afford it.

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From: [Nayeli Viviana Gutama](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 11:41:26 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Nayeli Gutama. I live in Brooklyn. For me is difficult to access health care services without health insurance.

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From: [Rafelina Hernandez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 11:38:37 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Rafelina, I live in Brooklyn NY. I think health insurance is a need in my community and for our families. We have been contributing to the economy for many years and I think is time for us to get benefits as well.

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From: [Leidy Cristina](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 11:35:34 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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Without health coverage we do not have access to preventive care to diseases/illnesses that may result in the destruction of our health. It is not fair!

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From: [Jhon Jimenez Rincon](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 11:35:00 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Jhon. I live in Queens and the truth is that is difficult to access to medical care in this country if you don't have health insurance.

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From: [Ytaube Navarreto](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 11:32:49 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Ytaube. I live in Brooklyn and for me is important to have health insurance.

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Ytaube Navarreto

From: [Gerver Tiu](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 11:31:02 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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Having access to healthcare is a human right for all us. We all work hard and pay our taxes, we need healthcare coverage for all!

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From: [Alex Ortiz](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 11:30:15 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Alexandra Ortiz, I reside in Brooklyn for many years. I have many neighbors and even family members that are affected by this situation. Many of them were not able to go to the emergency room during the pandemic because they don't have health insurance.

Coverage for all is needed in NY.

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From: [Antelmo Tello](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 11:28:17 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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I don't have any healthcare coverage and if there is ever a health emergency, it would help me immensely. Without coverage I wouldn't be able to afford medical attention!

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Antelmo Tello

From: [Mariana Garcia](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 11:25:56 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Im a municipal worker and this situation concerns me for that reason I support coverage for all.

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Mariana Garcia

From: [Rosa Vasquez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 11:23:14 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Rosa Vasquez. I live in Brooklyn NY. Without health insurance it is hard to keep a healthy life.

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Rosa Vasquez

From: [Lucy Romero](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 11:20:18 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Lucy, I live in Brooklyn NY. Is very important that residents in NY should have access to health insurance.

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Lucy Romero

From: [Leidy Benavidez](#)
To: doh.sm.NYSOH.Team
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 11:03:48 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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My name is Lady Benavides. If a person diagnosed with a chronic condition does not have health insurance they are in risk of getting worse.

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Leidy Benavidez

From: [Yenderson Carupe](#)
To: doh.sm.NYSOH.Team
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 10:41:45 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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Having health insurance be accessible to everyone is very important because if you don't have any type of insurance it's very difficult to have access to medical services.

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Yenderson Carupe

From: [Patricia Villafuerte](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 10:36:34 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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My name is Patricia and I am luck to have medical coverage. I have asthma and other medical conditions but thankfully I have health insurance to help me cover for expenses. I think it's important for everyone to have medical coverage, have information about insurance and know how to access it.

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From: [Juan Gutierrez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 10:29:14 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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I think health insurance should be a service that's equally provided to everyone who resides in New York.

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Juan Gutierrez

From: [Maximo Sosa](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 10:11:53 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

MY name is Maximo Sosa, I live in Brooklyn NY. I need to have access to health care. it's really important to me to be able to have access to health care and be able to manage better my health.

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From: [Marisol Palma](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 9:32:00 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Mariso, I live in Queens. People like me without health insurance, have difficult seeing a doctor for regular check-ups because of the cost of the services. Sometimes we don't have the money to pay.

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From: [Liliana Cabo](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 9:28:09 AM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Diego Huaymaican](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 9:09:29 AM

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From: [Orlando Neira Triana](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 9:07:02 AM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Daniel Perez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 9:05:14 AM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Jenny Jumbo](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 9:02:49 AM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Pedro Landin](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 9:00:49 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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From: [Candelaria Rodriguez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 8:58:11 AM

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Candelaria Rodriguez

From: [Rosanny Rodriguez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 8:55:46 AM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Viviana Pina](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 8:53:44 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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From: [Catherine Salazar](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 7:09:43 PM

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From: [Patricia Wong](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
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Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 6:58:47 PM

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From: [Angela Pereyra](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 6:31:14 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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From: [Gobert Pereyra](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 6:24:46 PM

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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 6:23:14 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Nicole Caiza and I live in the Brooklyn area. I support coverage for all New Yorkers because I also do not have health insurance and it puts my health at risk. I would like health insurance for all so I can also get access to the services I need.

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Nicole Caiza

From: [Rosa Hidrovo](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 6:16:03 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Rosa Hidrovo. My dream is to have access to health insurance so I can get the medical services I need. New York needs to give our immigrant community coverage for all. I am a restaurant worker and I pay my taxes. Please, I hope you hear my plea.

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From: [Jose Rodriguez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 6:00:02 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Jose Rodriguez. It is very important for me to have health insurance. It is a necessity for all our families and that way our communities can stay healthy. Help and support us, Hochul!

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From: [Jair Reyes](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 5:57:51 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Jair Reyes and I live in Queens. Many people in my area died because of the COVID-19 pandemic as a result of not having health insurance. They are no longer with us and for those of us still here, we need coverage for all. I need health insurance to keep myself alive.

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From: [Eusebio Maceda](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 5:54:28 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

It is a human right for a person to receive medical attention. Having good health is a necessity - having access to health insurance is the only way one can get the medical services and attention they need and deserve when one is sick.

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Eusebio Maceda

From: [Martha Martinez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 5:52:15 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Martha Martinez. The right to take care of one's body and have good health is a universal human right. Please, New York needs Coverage for All.

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Martha Martinez

From: [Noe Castillo](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 5:49:49 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Noe and I live in Brooklyn. Having health insurance is a necessity because many times we do not have control over our health conditions.

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Noe Castillo

From: [Nurrys Chaquinga](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 5:48:06 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Having access to health insurance is very important. It is essential and fundamental to have a good quality of life. If we have good health, we have progress and stability. Health insurance can give us that guarantee.

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Nurrys Chaquinga

From: [Sergio Corte](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 5:45:52 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Hello, my name is Sergio and I work in construction. For many years, I was without health insurance. I pay taxes. I now have Emergency Medicaid but it does not cover everything that I need. We as immigrants need a health insurance that covers all our needs. New York needs Coverage for All!

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From: [Sandra Riascos](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 5:42:27 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

It is very important to have access to health insurance. Firstly, healthcare is a human right. Sometimes our health conditions are left out of our hands and having access to health insurance helps keep us healthy and avoids us spreading any illness to others in our communities.

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Sandra Riascos

From: [Tomas Martell](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 5:39:57 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Tomas and I live in Brooklyn. I want you to approve Coverage for All so that everyone in our NY community can be healthy and safe.

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From: [Carlos Giraldo](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 5:36:12 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Governor Hochul, health insurance is extremely important and an essential human right. Without access to health insurance, our health is thrown to the wind and left disregarded.

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Carlos Giraldo

From: [Joseph Acevedo](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 5:34:37 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Joseph and I live in Queens. Without health insurance, it is extremely difficult to access necessary medical services and attention.

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Joseph Acevedo

From: [Beth Levy](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 5:33:09 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I am co-chair of the Immigration Justice Committee of Congressional District 16 Indivisible. I strongly oppose the 1332 State Innovation Waiver application because it excludes immigrants.

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I believe in health care coverage for all and without it New Yorkers, who work and pay taxes are unfairly treated.

Thank you.

Beth Levy

From: [Rusmari Mota](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 5:33:04 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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From: [Debora Olympis](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 5:31:12 PM

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Debora Olympis

From: [Barbara Connolly](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 5:28:52 PM

Department of Health ,

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We support this program that all should have health insurance for free!

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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 5:27:38 PM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Joan Benham](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 5:26:11 PM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Liliana Estrella](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 5:25:09 PM

Department of Health ,

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Liliana Estrella

From: [Julio Sanchez](#)
To: doh.sm.NYSOH.Team
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 5:23:24 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Julio Sanchez and I live in Queens. I think it is important to have insurance because otherwise you could become very sick without getting the attention you need.

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From: [Odanny Hinojosa](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 5:21:16 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Odanny and I serve the immigrant community at LaGuardia Community College. Our students have difficulty with their health and many work long hours. They spend the majority of their week at work and not with their families. Having access to health insurance is important and it would be giving them the security they need to continue to be a part of their communities and their families' lives.

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From: [Vanessa Ordonez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 5:18:11 PM

Department of Health ,

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I support coverage for all - please provide funding to this important cause!

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From: [Antonio Juarez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 5:15:11 PM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Claudia Orellana](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 5:14:06 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I think it is important to get medical coverage, there is a lot of persons that do not go to clinic and hospitals because they are afraid of receiving expensive bills, with an essential plan, they will be able to go to their dr without being afraid.

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Claudia Orellana

From: [Jose Penas](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 5:13:58 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Hello, my name is Jose and I would like to have access to health insurance. I would like an insurance plan for all us immigrants that come to this country and need coverage for all.

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From: [Maria Suquilanda](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 5:12:31 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I live in Brooklyn, the need for coverage for all is tremendous because most people deserve to have access to health insurance no matter what immigration status they have.

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Maria Suquilanda

From: [Jackeline Arias](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 5:11:36 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I support coverage for all. I am very interested in this program because there are many of us that pay taxes but cannot access medical insurance because we do not have an immigration status. It would be great for you to take us into account and hear us.

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From: [Patricio Munoz](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 5:09:38 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Patricio, I live in Queens, and for 15 years I was not able to see a doctor because I was not eligible for health insurance. So coverage for all will be very beneficial for my immigrant community.

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Steeven Mendivelso

From: [Asif Ali](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 5:06:04 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Asif Ali and I live in the Brooklyn area. Without health insurance, it is very difficult to access any medical services and it puts my health at risk. This is my reality as well as that of many in my community.

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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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Department of Health ,

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From: [Alejandro Echeverria](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 5:03:29 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I am Alejandro Echeverria and I support coverage for all. I would like to have health insurance access in order to be covered and prepared for any emergency.

I am writing to oppose the 1332 State Innovation Waiver application because it excludes immigrants.

Last year, you promised to reach out to the federal government to file a federal Waiver to ask for funding to expand the Essential Plan to cover all low-income New Yorkers—including immigrants. Including immigrants in the Waiver application will cost the state nothing, and in fact, generate budget savings. The State's Essential Plan Trust Fund Account has an existing \$9 billion surplus and is estimated to generate an additional \$2 billion annual surplus. The state's waiver application should use this \$2 billion in federal funding to pay for expanded coverage for immigrants. As you are aware, federal rules say trust funds can only be used to pay for health insurance coverage.

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Alejandro Echeverria

From: [Ana Arteaga](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 5:02:39 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Ana, is really important for me to have health insurance to be able to have access to medical care.

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Ana Arteaga

From: [Renzo Susquen](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 5:01:37 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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Renzo Susquen

From: [Maria Santiago Gomez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 5:00:02 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I support coverage for all. I need to keep track of my health and without health insurance, I can become sick and not take care of myself.

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Maria Santiago Gomez

From: [Jessica Cepeda](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 5:00:00 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Jessica Cepeda. I live in an area of Manhattan without access to medical care is hard to live healthily.

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Jessica Cepeda

From: [Shirley Moncasa](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 4:58:30 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I support coverage for all because it is important and crucial for the wellbeing of parents as well as children.

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Shirley Moncasa

From: [Yolanda Rivera](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 4:55:44 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Yolanda Rivera. Without medical services and health insurance, it is very difficult to maintain one's health. It is very necessary for us to be able to take care of our children and older loved ones.

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Yolanda Rivera

From: [Dahyana Sanchez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 4:55:25 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Dahyana Sanchez it would be human and beneficial for me and my family to have health insurance. We can have a healthy life. Our health is important as everyone else.

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From: [Shanzeh Rizvi](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 4:53:33 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Shanzeh Rizvi and I live in the Bronx area. Without access to health insurance, it is very difficult to obtain necessary medical services and it puts a person's health at risk.

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From: [Sofia Martinez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 4:50:13 PM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Sofia Martinez](#)
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From: [Juana de Leon](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 4:44:20 PM

Department of Health ,

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Juana de Leon

From: [Ronald Garcia](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 4:43:03 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Ronald and I live in the Bronx area. I would like to have access to health insurance and support coverage for all, regardless of immigration status!

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Ronald Garcia

From: [Martha Maya](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 4:41:10 PM

Department of Health ,

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Martha Maya

From: [Ivan Mauricio Sabogal Delgado](#)
To: doh.sm.NYSOH.Team
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 4:39:41 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Ivan Sabogal and I live in the Queens area. Without access to health insurance, it becomes very difficult to get a doctor's visit, access necessary services, and it risks one's health.

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Ivan Mauricio Sabogal Delgado

From: [Rosa de la Cruz](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 4:36:34 PM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Maria Cruz](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 4:34:11 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

It is necessary for us to have health insurance as immigrants because we are a community that contributes to the economy. We work, we pay taxes, and we are a huge part that moves our economy.

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Maria Cruz

From: [Diego Armando Vasquez Chocho](mailto:Diego.Armando.Vasquez.Chocho@doh.sm.NYSOH.Team)
To: doh.sm.NYSOH.Team
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 4:32:17 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Diego Vasquez and it is very important and crucial to me that you help me with accessing health insurance!!

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Diego Armando Vasquez Chocho

From: [Gloria Tenezaca](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 4:22:54 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I am writing to oppose the 1332 State Innovation Waiver application because it excludes immigrants.

First of all I think Health Insurance should not be discriminated to anyone. Help our immigrant community take care of their health. That money should be invested in our health not in something else. Health and work go hand in hand

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Gloria Tenezaca

From: [Luis Carlos Bonifaz](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 4:00:32 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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For my family, my community, and me, having healthcare coverage is important and necessary. Without we cannot take care of ourselves, since we cannot afford medical attention.

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Luis Carlos Bonifaz

From: [Mariana Jaramillo](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 3:58:07 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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It's high important for me to have health coverage, because without it how can I guarantee the well being of my health?

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Mariana Jaramillo

From: [Isabella Velasco](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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Isabella Velasco

From: [Kelvin Ceballos](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 3:55:34 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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I am scared to live without health coverage because I am always worried about what am I have to do if I get sick or have a disease that requires medical attention. I don't have money for it.

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Kelvin Ceballos

From: [Maria Perez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 3:53:12 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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We need healthcare coverage for all so we can protect ourselves from different illnesses! Just look at what happened to the folks who didn't have access to a doctor during the pandemic and till today!

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Maria Perez

From: [Emilio Ballester](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 3:50:33 PM

Department of Health ,

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Emilio Ballester

From: [Johny Pena](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 3:47:34 PM

Department of Health ,

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Johny Pena

From: [Ann Marie Benitez-Kise](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:32:03 PM

Department of Health ,

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Ann Marie Benitez-Kise

From: [Lucero Tello](#)
To: doh.sm.NYSOH.Team
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:17:06 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Hi, my name is Lucero I live in Brentwood. I would love for everyone to have affordable health care and medical services. when I get sick is hard for me to find medicine. C4ALL would help so many people.

Lucero Tello

From: [Rosa Castro](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:09:07 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Rosa I love New York. health insurance is very important to all human beings. It's a human right to have medical assistance

Rosa Castro

From: [Savita Prasad](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:06:56 PM

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Savita Prasad

From: [Sihomara Rosa](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:06:19 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Sihomara and I live in Brentwood New York. Coverage for all is essential. I would prefer to pay than no to have healthcare. Please thinks of all humans who need medical care. Thank you for your time.

Sihomara Rosa

From: [Marcelo Rodriguez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:04:06 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Marcelo I live in Suffolk county. I think is very important for all New Yorkers to have health insurance. In my personal opinion, We need our politicians to help us have coverage for all.

Marcelo Rodriguez

From: [Milton Acunas](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 11:48:40 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Milton I live in Suffolk county. We all deserve healthcare and medical service. Please Governor Hochul please help all New Yorkers and pass C4All. Thank you for your time. God bless.

Milton Acunas

From: [Eva Ircanaupa Gutierrez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 11:39:29 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I live in Suffolk county and My family and the New York community need health care.

Eva Ircanaupa Gutierrez

From: [Alejandro Cardoso](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 11:36:57 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Alejandro and I live in Suffolk county without health insurance it is difficult for me to access necessary services and I need health insurance for expenses and thus achieve my health

Alejandro Cardoso

From: [Fernado Chavez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 11:33:10 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Fernando Chavez. I live in the Bay shore area unfortunately without any type of health insurance and as an immigrant, it is difficult for me to have health insurance, which I need for my health.

Fernando Chavez

From: [Karla Pineda](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 11:14:10 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Karla I live in Suffolk county. Having healthcare is a human right regardless of immigration status, race, color, or gender.

Karla Pineda

From: [Lucio Fabian](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 11:10:20 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I live in Suffolk county. it's hard and expensive to find health insurance in the community

Lucio Fabian

From: [Nereida Santiago](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 11:08:19 AM

Department of Health ,

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I think copayments should be removed because our health is a right

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Nereida Santiago

From: [Lorena Nunez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 11:06:46 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Lorean I live in Bay shore New York. Universal Health care for people living in New York no matter their immigration status. It is necessary to access all health services

Lorena Nunez

From: [Nisi Mendez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 11:05:00 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Without health insurance it is difficult access healthcare services and individuals may not be able to get early diagnosis for health issues they may have, which may end up being life threatening overtime.

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Nisi Mendez

From: [Christian Mires](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 11:03:33 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Christian Mires. I live in Suffolk county. Universal Health care for people living in New York no matter their immigration status. It is necessary to access all health services

Christian Mires

From: [Lilian Rivas](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 10:59:57 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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My name is Lilian Rivas and I live in Manhattan. When you don't have health insurance it is very difficult to have access to medical services. My life is on the line due to not having health insurance since a consultation is unaffordable.

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Department of Health ,

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Armando Rodriguez

From: [Humberto Lamas](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 10:57:04 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Humberto I live in Deer Park. New York state needs healthcare to have a healthier community.

Humberto Lamas

From: [Sardis Diaz](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 10:55:21 AM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Mitzy Solorzano](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 10:53:52 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Without access to health insurance I wouldn't be able to afford the medication that I need. It is vital that all New Yorkers have access to health care.

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Mitzy Solorzano

From: [Juana Valdez](#)
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Department of Health ,

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Health insurance is a universal right

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Juana Valdez

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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 10:52:07 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Carlelly I live on the Bay shore. New York needs healthcare because is a human right.

Carlelly Siabato

From: [Michele Gil](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 10:46:36 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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Michele Gil

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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 10:44:08 AM

Department of Health ,

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Lucero Paez

From: [Camilo Friedman](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 10:39:26 AM

Department of Health ,

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Department of Health ,

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From: [Lourdes Cardenas](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 10:38:28 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Lourdes, I live in Brentwood I believe that health is a right for everyone universal healthcare is important for all people living in New York no matter their immigration status

Lourdes Cardenas

From: [Exequiel Mignaton](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 10:33:36 AM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Jimmy Khanna](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 10:33:27 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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I'm Laura and I did not have health insurance. At the moment I only have emergency Medicaid but it's not enough coverage. I work in cleaning and having coverage for all will be very important for all New Yorkers

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From: [Gustavo Zangueno](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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Department of Health ,

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Junior Juamaco

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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 10:33:22 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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From: [Lizbeth Ramirez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 10:33:22 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Lizbeth Ramirez, I live in Suffolk county. New York needs Coverage for All because it is necessary for people who can afford to pay a lot for medical care.

Lizbeth Ramirez

From: [Blanca Diaz](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 10:33:20 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I am Blanca Diaz. For me, not having access to health insurance is like existing on this planet without good health.

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To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 10:33:13 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

All persons should have health insurance regardless of their immigration status. Having good health is an essential need and a right for all human beings. When a person does not get the medical attention they need simply because of their immigration status, they are being denied their universal human right.

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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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Adrian Giraldo

From: [Gabriela Suarez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 10:10:27 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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My name is Gabriela and I live in Brooklyn. As an individual that struggles with her health not having insurance will negatively affect me. Without health insurance I would not be able to take care of my health because I am not financially stable to afford it. As someone who needs her health insurance to stay alive, please make it affordable for everyone

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From: [Minerva Martinez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 10:00:26 AM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Gloria Matos](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 9:52:38 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Hello, my name is Glora and I live in Brooklyn. I do not have access to health insurance and without it, it makes it very difficult for me to get medical services. I need your help!

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Gloria Matos

From: [Carmen Alvarado](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 9:45:11 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Carmen and I live in Bay shore. The state of New York needs coverage for all because healthcare is a human right without healthcare I'm putting my life at risk

Carmen Alvarado

From: [Carmita Vera](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 9:44:36 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I support coverage for all because without good health, we cannot continue and could not live properly. I need my medical treatments to stay alive.

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Carmita Vera

From: [Ruth Bautista de Checo](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 9:41:41 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Ruth I live in Brentwood New York. Health care is necessary for my community. It is tough not having affordable health insurance. C4All would help many of us who work very hard in this county but don't have access to medical care

Ruth Bautista de Checo

From: [Tamara Torres Opente](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 9:30:03 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Tamara Torres Oponte I live In Brentwood New York. The state of New York needs coverage for all because it is necessary for the wonderful people of my community no matter their color, race, or gender. Please think of the folks who desperately need an affordable healthcare service due to their illness

Tamara Torres Opente

From: [Ariana Vasquez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 8:54:22 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Arian and I live on the Bay shore New York. The state of New York needs coverage for all because is necessary for all members of my community no matter their immigration status to access all health services

Ariana Vasquez

From: [Maria Garcia](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 8:46:40 AM

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Maria Garcia

From: [Ruth Maldonado](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 8:44:14 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Ruth and I live in Brentwood New York. Coverage for all is essential. I would prefer to pay than not to have healthcare. Please thinks of all humans who need medical care.

Ruth Maldonado

From: [Hector Balcarcel](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 8:38:50 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Hector and I live in Brentwood New York. Medical care is so important to all humans. If a pet can have health insurance why can we please consider those who work very hard? I support my family and I cannot afford to be sick and not have healthcare. Thank you!

Hector Balcarcel

From: [Waldir Farias Valiente](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 8:30:24 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Waldir Farias and I live in Brentwood. The state of New York needs coverage for all because healthcare is a human right without healthcare I'm putting my life at risk

Waldir Farias Valiente

From: [Mercedes Wilson](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 8:24:18 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Mercedes Wilson and I live in Brentwood. The state of New York needs Covarge for all because universal healthcare is important for all people living in N. No matter their immigration status.

Mercedes Wilson

From: [Christian Gutierrez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023 8:17:08 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Christian I live in Brentwood. The state of New York needs Covarege for all because is essential.

Christian Gutierrez

From: [Alice Moye-Honeyman](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 7:13:27 PM

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From: [Gloria Torres](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 6:59:53 PM

Department of Health ,

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Gloria Torres

From: [Dairo Ruiz](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 6:54:58 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Dairo I think is important in New York people can have access to health coverage for all because health is a human right

Dairo Ruiz

From: [Wilma Gonzalez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 6:49:28 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Everyone has the right to health insurance and this must be free for everyone at least for preventive services and emergency service

Wilma Gonzalez

From: [Morgan Moore](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 6:07:22 PM

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Morgan Moore

From: [McGregor Smyth](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
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McGregor Smyth

From: [Andrea Aguilar](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 5:11:00 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Andrea Aguilar. I live in Brooklyn. Health insurance is really important to have better control of our health and live a healthy life for ourselves and our families.

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Andrea Aguilar

From: [David Lopez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 5:06:23 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is David Lopez, I live in Brooklyn NY. Health insurance is very important to me because it will help me and my family be healthy.

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From: [Fatima Hernandez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 5:03:39 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Fatima, I live in Queens. For me it is very important the health insurance because we need to be healthy for our family.

I am writing to oppose the 1332 State Innovation Waiver application because it excludes immigrants.

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From: [Elizabeth Rodrigez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 5:01:06 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Elizabeth Rodriguez, I think that we all have the right to have health insurance since we are prone to diseases and our health is primordial.

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From: [Marina Estrella](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 4:56:55 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Marina, I think health insurance is a very important service everyone needs in NY.

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Marina Estrella

From: [Rachel Lara](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 4:48:34 PM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Leonardo Villa Guzman](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 4:44:12 PM

Department of Health ,

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I'm undocumented and never receive medical care and because of my immigration status is hard to find health insurance that I will be eligible for.

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From: [Ivonne Alarcon](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 4:40:33 PM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Linda Serrano](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 4:35:04 PM

Department of Health ,

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Linda Serrano

From: [Genesis Dias](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 4:29:36 PM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Cassie Persaud](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 12:43:05 PM

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From: [Mohamed Q. Amin](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 10:33:21 AM

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Mohamed Q. Amin

From: [Luis Rivas](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 10:22:42 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I am Luis Rivas I live in Suffolk county. To me, it would be very important to maintain medical insurance for all who are dealing with cancer

Luis Rivas

From: [Margarita Lopez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 10:21:39 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Margarita Lopez. Access to medical insurance for all in my community is vital for a healthier Long Island

Margarita Lopez

From: [Anis Diaz](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 10:20:35 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I live in Long Island New York and as a New yorker, We need C4ALL. Thank you

Anis Diaz

From: [Ruth Bonilla](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 10:18:55 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I live in Suffolk county. Hospital expenses for undocumented workers are very high. I am a pancreatic cancer survivor. We need C4ALL

Ruth Bonilla

From: [Celia Ribon](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 10:17:50 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I live in Suffolk. I want health insurance for everyone. C4All would help a lot of folks have better health before is too late.

Celia Ribon

From: [Julio Cruz](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 10:15:26 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I live in Suffolk county and We need health Insurance for everyone. Thank you

Julio Cruz

From: [Xiomara Quintanilla](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 10:14:24 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I live in Suffolk county. We need health because when we go to the doctor we have to pay a lot or they don't provide service because we don't have health insurance

Xiomara Quintanilla

From: [Patty Oswald](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 10:12:50 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I am a healthcare practitioner and volunteer my service to the very large population of low-income and uninsured who desperately need service due to a cancer diagnosis and other health related causes. No ONE should be without medical service it is a human kind necessity.

Patty Oswald

From: [Iliana Wollney](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 10:09:59 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

As a life Insurance agent and a firm volunteer in my Spanish community, it really breaks my heart how people don't have access to health insurance, this should be for everyone

Iliana Wollney

From: [Ana Peralta](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 9:52:08 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I'm from Suffolk county and I think that Everyone deserves health insurance

Ana Peralta

From: [Maria Lane](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 9:45:52 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Maria Lane, I am writing to oppose the 1332 State Innovation Waiver application because it excludes immigrants. It is important to our community to have healthy individuals that can work and live a normal and healthy life. We are all exposed to so many things, unhealthy individuals should not be one of them, apart for it to be inhumane to see a person suffer unnecessarily.

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Maria Lane

From: [Maria Peralta](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 9:29:19 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Maria and I live in Bay shore New York 11076 without health insurance it is difficult for me to access necessary services and I need health insurance for expenses and thus achieve my health.

Maria Peralta

From: [Idalia Laguna](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 9:27:35 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I live in Long Island NY Medical coverage is vital for everyone

Idalia Laguna

From: [Juan Portillo](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 9:25:42 AM

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From: carolyn.klaasen
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carolyn.klaasen

From: [Angelica Razack](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 7:41:57 PM

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From: [Ashley Bisram](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 7:21:43 PM

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From: [Anita Baksh](#)
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Fatima Shabbir

From: [Maria Coronado](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 7:15:13 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I live in Suffolk county and I am a cancer survivor. Having health insurance is necessary for people who are battling cancer. Thank you for your time.

Maria Coronado

From: [Julia Sorto](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 7:13:26 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I live in New York Long Island. I am a breast cancer survivor. For me, it is very important to have access to low-cost medical care so that all human beings can be cared for.

Julia Sorto

From: [Olga el Sehamy El Sahamy](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 7:11:33 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Long Island relies on immigrant workers and many of them are still undocumented and uninsured C4All is not only a humane need but also will contribute largely to our local economic stability.

Olga el Sehamy El Sahamy

From: [Lorena Rodriguez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 7:09:51 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Lorena I live in Suffolk county, I think it is important that we all have the right to health insurance and thus avoid death due to lack of health insurance.

Lorena Rodriguez

From: [Monica Zabala](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 7:07:14 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Monica Zabala. I think we all need medical insurance because it is so difficult to access health services and sometimes I put my life at risk.

Monica Zabala

From: [Nora Guevara](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 7:05:22 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I live in Suffolk county I wish there was low-cost health insurance in my area. Thank you!

Nora Guevara

From: [Jade Obregon](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 6:58:07 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Jade and I reside in Bay shore where it's very hard to find health insurance.

Jade Obregon

From: [Joel Lemus](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 6:56:18 PM

Department of Health ,

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Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 5:05:24 PM

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From: [Jose Luis Haro](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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Romulo Munoz

From: [Rosa Pichardo](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 11:52:15 AM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Rosibel Aquino](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 11:44:39 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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My name is Rosibel Aquino. It is necessary to count with medical insurance. I work cleaning and I need to have access to medical treatment. For me health is important and a right to have coverage for all

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Rosibel Aquino

From: [Patricia Llugsha](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 11:33:43 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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We need to take care of our health. We all deserve to have access to medical coverage. Coverage for all is a right

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Patricia Llugsha

From: [Nilda Baez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 11:28:36 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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Health is an essential right, it is a human right. Many people have catastrophic diseases and health is a fundamental right. It is urgent especially after this Covid virus. With all the sequelae that it has caused its important for people to have health insurance.

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Nilda Baez

From: [Michelle Chipantiza](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 11:17:20 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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Medical insurance should be accessible to all people because health or medical services costs a lot therefore only accessible with a health insurance. It is a right to have medical coverage. Last year, you promised to reach out to the federal government to file a federal Waiver to ask for funding to expand the Essential Plan to cover all low-income New Yorkers—including immigrants. Including immigrants in the Waiver application will cost the state nothing, and in fact, generate budget savings. The State's Essential Plan Trust Fund Account has an existing \$9 billion surplus and is estimated to generate an additional \$2 billion annual surplus. The state's waiver application should use this \$2 billion in federal funding to pay for expanded coverage for immigrants. As you are aware, federal rules say trust funds can only be used to pay for health insurance coverage.

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Michelle Chipantiza

From: [Manuel Flores](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 11:05:58 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I am writing to oppose the 1332 State Innovation Waiver application because it excludes immigrants.

I never had health coverage until I was bale to apply for NYC Care. Our community needs healthcare coverage for all. Without it we many of us won't be able to see a doctor because we can't afford a doctor!

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Manuel Flores

From: [Martin Hernandez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 10:59:59 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I am writing to oppose the 1332 State Innovation Waiver application because it excludes immigrants.

My name is Martin and I do not have access to medical coverage, please help me. In this country we have to be healthy to work without any conflicts.

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Martin Hernandez

From: [Martha Flores](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 10:50:46 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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I think that not only the rich and those who have money can and should have a dignified life in all areas. We, the working class also need and deserve a dignified life with rights. Last year, you promised to reach out to the federal government to file a federal Waiver to ask for funding to expand the Essential Plan to cover all low-income New Yorkers—including immigrants. Including immigrants in the Waiver application will cost the state nothing, and in fact, generate budget savings. The State's Essential Plan Trust Fund Account has an existing \$9 billion surplus and is estimated to generate an additional \$2 billion annual surplus. The state's waiver application should use this \$2 billion in federal funding to pay for expanded coverage for immigrants. As you are aware, federal rules say trust funds can only be used to pay for health insurance coverage.

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Martha Flores

From: [Martha Benavides](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 10:43:34 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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This is very important because health is fundamental to everyone. Without a health insurance is practically impossible to receive medical services. This is a right for all!

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From: [Martha Arias](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 10:38:22 AM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Magaly Alvarez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 10:01:38 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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Magaly Alvarez

From: [Luis Sacuzhana](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 9:57:48 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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We need health coverage for all! It's not fair to lose a loved one just because they didn't have the economic means to see a doctor! It's painful and inhumane!

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Luis Sacuzhana

From: [Celedonia Aguilar Flores](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 9:53:34 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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Hi, my name is Celedonia Aguilar. My Emergency Medicaid is about to expire and I had a recent consultation but received a high medical bill. If we had coverage for all it would be of great help because our health is very important. Please we need medical coverage for all.

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Celedonia Aguilar Flores

From: [Bibiana Hoya](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 9:49:23 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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In these hard times we are currently going through, especially after the pandemic, it's necessary for all of us to be able to receive medical attention. Covid-19 has left thousands of us sick and it's sad we are not able to get better because we can't afford a doctor. We need health coverage for all!

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Bibiana Hoya

From: [Ligia Lambone](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 9:40:48 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I am writing to oppose the 1332 State Innovation Waiver application because it excludes immigrants.

It's tough to be healthy without healthcare coverage. Many people end up dead, due to illness that could have been treated, but they didn't have the money to go see a doctor. This is an injustice and it cannot continue, we are all human beings!

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Ligia Lambone

From: [Belkis Polanco](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 9:27:53 AM

Department of Health ,

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Belkis Polanco

From: [Ashley Hernandez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 8:59:14 AM

Department of Health ,

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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 8:39:25 AM

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From: [Samuel Palaguachi](#)
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Date: Monday, February 27, 2023 10:05:28 PM

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From: [Irma Vera](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, February 27, 2023 8:36:21 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Hello my name is Irma. Without insurance it's hard have good health. It's important in order to access services in a dignified way. When you are uninsured, it's hard to obtain services. I am writing to oppose the 1332 State Innovation Waiver application because it excludes immigrants.

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From: [MARIA RUIZ](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
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MARIA RUIZ

From: [DARWIN RAMIREZ](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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DARWIN RAMIREZ

From: [Maria Olivera](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, February 27, 2023 8:22:10 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Hello my name is Maria, we never know when we'll have an emergency. It's important to have insurance to provide coverage in case of emergency. While I do have access to health insurance its important that everyone in my community have access as well. Everyone, especially women, need access to preventative care.

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BLANCA MEJIA

From: [David Vergara](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, February 27, 2023 8:16:56 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is David, if we can't have access to the essential plan, its very difficult to obtain health services. We need the Governor and the state of NY to support all immigrants.

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From: [EVELYN GUTIERREZ](#)
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EVELYN GUTIERREZ

From: [Gabina Santamaria](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
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From: [Juan Martinez](#)
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Darianna Martinez

From: [Carmen Garcia](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, February 27, 2023 6:55:23 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I am a resident of queens NY. I am a Community Health worker and I work with many undocumented immigrants. I have seen many patients that struggle to access health coverage due to their immigration status. Many of these people do not go to a primary care provider until is very late and they have a chronic disease. Many of these people goes to the ER because there is no other place they can go. Help our undocumented people have access to preventive care, a care that is just and humane.

So I am writing to oppose the 1332 State Innovation Waiver application because it excludes immigrants.

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From: [Manuel Jimenez](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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From: [Laura Santana](#)
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Laura Santana

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Unless you revise the State Innovation Waiver application to include New York's immigrants and include this provision in the FY24 state budget, I oppose the State's Waiver application. Please support all new Yorkers to have access to health insurance.

William Arcos

From: [Alma Chavez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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Alma Chavez

From: [Rafael Solorzano](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, February 27, 2023 1:41:33 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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We all deserve healthcare coverage! We all work, we all pay our taxes, it is our right to have access to a doctor!

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Rafael Solorzano

From: [Ana Cando](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, February 27, 2023 1:30:06 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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From: [Gabriela de los Santos](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, February 27, 2023 12:52:05 PM

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From: [Sonia Bisonso](#)
To: doh.sm.NYSOH.Team
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, February 27, 2023 12:41:46 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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Health coverage for all is a necessity. The rich and poor people all get sick. We all need to be able to seek a doctor. Access to health care services is a human right!

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From: [Jose Puma](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, February 27, 2023 12:38:49 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I can identify myself as a community member who once did not have an immigration status. Someone who did not go for a proper medical check-up because I did not have health insurance and was not able to afford the cost of it. I believe everyone should have health insurance.

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To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, February 27, 2023 12:36:28 PM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Gabriel Ruiz](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, February 27, 2023 12:24:55 PM

Department of Health ,

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Gabriel Ruiz

From: [Jorge Raymond](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, February 27, 2023 12:16:34 PM

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Jorge Raymond

From: [Transito Agudo](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, February 27, 2023 12:13:16 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I have lived in NYC for 24 yrs. During this time I have never been able to obtain adequate healthcare services because I have not been able to get proper health insurance. It is just fair that everyone no matters their immigration status receives adequate health insurance because.

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From: [Elizabeth Lee, PHD, FNP](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, February 27, 2023 11:44:12 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Good morning! I am a voter in New Paltz.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Lee, PHD, FNP

From: [Walter Delgado](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, February 27, 2023 11:42:20 AM

Department of Health ,

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Walter Delgado

From: [Destiny Hodgson](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, February 27, 2023 11:38:42 AM

Department of Health ,

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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, February 27, 2023 11:33:56 AM

Department of Health ,

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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, February 27, 2023 10:05:19 AM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Jose Minchala](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, February 27, 2023 9:59:18 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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To have access to health insurance is a human right! Medical services in this country is extremely expensive and without coverage its impossible to have access to a doctor.

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From: [Genesis Peguero](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, February 27, 2023 9:52:02 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, February 27, 2023 9:25:04 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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Erika Contreras

From: [Elfa Vasquez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, February 27, 2023 9:20:59 AM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Corina Bastardo](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, February 27, 2023 8:44:49 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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The main priority for a human being is their health. I am from Brooklyn and hundreds of people in my community are in need of health coverage. Health services and/or medical attention should be available to everyone no matter their immigration or economic status!

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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, February 27, 2023 8:39:57 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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From: [Jenny Suarez](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, February 27, 2023 8:28:14 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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I want everybody to be able to obtain health coverage because it already is extremely difficult for us to access medical services! We simply can't afford it!

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From: [Yensse Quiroz](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, February 27, 2023 8:22:52 AM

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From: [Evelyn Laua](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, February 27, 2023 8:19:13 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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Elvia Cordero

From: [4gary4thaler](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, February 27, 2023 12:01:13 AM

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From: [Pierre Guillet](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Sunday, February 26, 2023 10:55:03 PM

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From: [Wilso Armijos](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Sunday, February 26, 2023 10:24:16 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Wilso and I am from Brooklyn. I want to keep my medical insurance even though I do not have an immigration status in this country. I need to be of good health to live a happy, stable and secure life. I need coverage for all.

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From: [Dayana Quispe Salome](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Sunday, February 26, 2023 10:18:37 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Dayana Quispe and I live in Queens. I believe access to health insurance is important because it is a human right and we all deserve to have it. Every person deserves access to medical services that are crucial to good health and a good life.

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From: [Ana Carolina Bastidas Guerra](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Sunday, February 26, 2023 10:13:51 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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From: [Cristina Fernandez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Sunday, February 26, 2023 10:10:16 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Cristina and I agree and support health coverage for all. I have family members that do not have access to health insurance and it is very heartbreaking to see how they cannot get medical attention in NY.

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From: [Debora Diaz](#)
To: doh.sm.NYSOH.Team
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Sunday, February 26, 2023 10:07:35 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I, Debora, would feel desperate and anxious without access to health insurance because I would not be able to afford medical attention or pay any medical debt/bills.

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From: [Jean Echeverry](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Sunday, February 26, 2023 10:05:06 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Jean. I have Medicaid but I want medicaid and medicare for all immigrants. This is necessary and it is a universal human right, independent of one's origin, nationality, sex, or religion. Remember - health is a universal human right, equal to water being essential for life.

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From: [Yenny Garcia](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Sunday, February 26, 2023 10:00:17 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Yenny and I live in the Manhattan-area. To me, access to health insurance is access to good health. If we do not see a doctor regularly, we can become more gravely sick and without the hope of eventually recovering. We need health coverage for all.

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From: [Kimberly Pereyra Monero](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Sunday, February 26, 2023 9:56:49 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Kimberly Pereyra Monero. I am studying political sciences and according to several studies and investigations regarding public services, thousands of people die because they lack access to health insurance. Health coverage for all will help save peoples' lives and give them the access they need for proper medical services.

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From: [Sandra Olivera](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Sunday, February 26, 2023 9:52:31 PM

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From: [Aurora Campoverde](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Sunday, February 26, 2023 9:50:54 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Hello, my name is Aurora Campoverde and I live in Queens, NY. I have NYC Care but still need access to an actual health insurance and coverage. Our access to insurance needs to be improved - we all deserve medical insurance in this city, state, and country. It is a human right and we all deserve to be taken care of and helped.

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Daniel Atonna

From: [Eric Robinson](#)
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From: [morganpaulus](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Sunday, February 26, 2023 8:42:23 AM

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From: courtermatthewr
To: doh.sm.NYSOH.Team
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From: [Christine Stanfield](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
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From: [Erlend Kimmich](#)
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From: [Hannah Chazin](#)
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From: [Ricki Rusting](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
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From: [Ting Barrow](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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From: Robert Wesley

Sent: Friday, February 24, 2023 4:15 PM

To: doh.sm.NYSOH.Team <NYSOH.Team@health.ny.gov>

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Robert Wesley

From: [Luz Camargo](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, February 24, 2023 1:56:16 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I am writing to ask you to please approve the 1332 state innovation waiver application. Please expand the Essential Plan to cover all low-income New Yorkers, including immigrants.

Thank you

I am writing to oppose the 1332 State Innovation Waiver application because it excludes immigrants.

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Luz Camargo

From: [Raquel Bravo](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, February 24, 2023 1:54:27 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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We all must have health coverage, it should be an unquestionable right! Without health coverage it's difficult to receive medical attention.

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Raquel Bravo

From: [Joan Kanarkiewicz](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, February 24, 2023 1:50:54 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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It's important for everyone who lives in New York to have health coverage and access to medical services to survive. Access to health coverage should be a right and a responsibility for the state to ensure it.

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Joan Kanarkiewicz

From: [Rosendo Tocan](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, February 24, 2023 1:44:37 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I am writing to oppose the 1332 State Innovation Waiver application because it excludes immigrants.

For me it's important to have health coverage because if my body fails and/or I get sick I can go to the doctor for help. However, without coverage there is not much hope for me, due to my health conditions.

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Rosendo Tocan

From: [Florangel Familia](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, February 24, 2023 1:41:01 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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Good health is the most fundamental component in a human's life. We need health coverage for all New Yorkers, we urgently need it!

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Florangel Familia

From: [Nydia Bonafont](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, February 24, 2023 1:31:47 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I am writing to oppose the 1332 State Innovation Waiver application because it excludes immigrants.

The people need to be healthy to be able to work to provide for their families. If we don't have a proper health care system, we are failing out communities. How can you not provide your own people with the basic and fundamental right of access to health care.

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Nydia Bonafont

From: [Roxana Cordovez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, February 24, 2023 1:23:29 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I am writing to oppose the 1332 State Innovation Waiver application because it excludes immigrants.

I don't have health coverage. My husband and sons neither. We need health coverage for all so we can all have a chance of being with good health.

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Roxana Cordovez

From: [Veronica Lasluisa](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, February 24, 2023 1:19:43 PM

Department of Health ,

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Veronica Lasluisa

From: [Saul Acevedo](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, February 24, 2023 1:16:50 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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All of us who work hard and pay our taxes deserve to have health coverage! Health coverage should be available for everyone, not just the rich!

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Saul Acevedo

From: [Yasenia Castro](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, February 24, 2023 1:12:46 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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My sister has some disabilities and she is not able to seek medical services, due to a lack of health coverage. It saddens me to see that not even her basic health needs can be covered. Health care is a universal right! We need health coverage for everybody!

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Yasenia Castro

From: [Anna Schnur-Fishman](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, February 24, 2023 1:08:30 PM

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Anna Schnur-Fishman

From: [Beatriz Suazo](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, February 24, 2023 1:07:10 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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My name is Beatriz and having health coverage will allow me to visit a doctor without worrying about not being able to afford it. If the cost of seeing a doctor reaches a number I can't afford I will not be able to be calm. Without good health I cannot provide for my family.

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Beatriz Suazo

From: [Geraldine Phillip](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, February 24, 2023 12:20:53 PM

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Geraldine Phillip

From: [GIANPIER GOSDINSKI](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, February 24, 2023 12:11:26 PM

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GIANPIER GOSDINSKI

From: [Oscar Novoa](#)
To: doh.sm.NYSOH.Team
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, February 24, 2023 11:59:14 AM

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Oscar Novoa

From: [Anthony Hidalgo](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, February 24, 2023 11:55:16 AM

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Anthony Hidalgo

From: [Kellian Grant](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, February 24, 2023 11:09:23 AM

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Kellian Grant

From: [Yesenia Figueroa](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, February 24, 2023 10:16:14 AM

Department of Health ,

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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, February 24, 2023 10:05:26 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I am a person with little time here in NY. I consider myself a serious, responsible, and calm person. One of the many reasons I am interested and support coverage for all is for work reasons and sudden emergencies. I believe health insurance is something important that everyone should have access to, especially because we are in a new country and that in itself is a challenge we are facing.

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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, February 24, 2023 10:01:39 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I am Nidia Morales and NY needs coverage for all!! It's about time the community is heard. Healthcare is a human right - without good health, you cannot work and without work, we cannot continue and make our money. It is a right to have healthcare!

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To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, February 24, 2023 9:51:32 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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From: [Antonia Beatriz Suazo](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, February 24, 2023 8:50:13 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Antonia Suazo and I still do not have access to health insurance. I cannot go see a doctor or to the hospital. My biggest dream is to have health insurance and I support coverage for all New Yorkers.

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From: [Carlos de Jesus](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, February 24, 2023 8:47:03 AM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Sandra Romero](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, February 24, 2023 8:34:56 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Sandra Romero. I like to help people in my neighborhood. There are a lot of immigrants and they do not know their rights and many do not speak English. I support the coverage for all program and am here to learn how I can better help my immigrant neighbors.

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From: [Belkis Castellon](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, February 24, 2023 8:32:11 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Belkis Castellon and I have been living in Brooklyn for 20 years. In all this time, I have never had access to health insurance. It is very difficult for me because I cannot even afford to go to a hospital. It is such an important value for my family and I to take care of our health - we want coverage for all!

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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, February 24, 2023 8:23:06 AM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Yonaira Ogando de Bisoño](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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Department of Health ,

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Yonaira Ogando de Bisoño

From: [Kirsia Garcia](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, February 24, 2023 8:16:54 AM

Department of Health ,

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Alexandra Passas

From: [Simon Bolivar Riasco](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, February 24, 2023 8:11:44 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Simon and I live in Brooklyn. I want health coverage for all - my brother and I only have access to Emergency Medicaid. It would be excellent for us to have complete health coverage to protect what is most important - our health.

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To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, February 24, 2023 8:07:49 AM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Fanny Naula](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, February 24, 2023 8:04:27 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Fanny Naula and I live in the Ridgewood area. If access to health insurance remains limited and difficult to obtain, we risk a major health challenge for our NY immigrant community.

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From: [Mary Thorpe](#)
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From: [Jerry Rivers](#)
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To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
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From: Timothy Frasca
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2023 6:07 PM
To: doh.sm.NYSOH.Team <NYSOH.Team@health.ny.gov>
Subject: include immigrants in waiver

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Timothy Frasca

From: [Mayerli valencia](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, February 23, 2023 12:45:45 PM

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From: [Alana Pilar Cantillo](#)
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From: [Gladys Coloma](#)
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From: [Estefanía Hereira](#)
To: doh.sm.NYSOH.Team
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, February 23, 2023 8:54:29 AM

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From: [Dannah Munoz](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 6:13:55 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Hi, my name is Dannah Munoz, I live in Queens. I think everyone should have health insurance because they work so hard to help their community. Even if some people are undocumented they also deserve to have health insurance because they help other people and care about their health.

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From: [Kaitlyn Munoz](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 6:03:15 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

Most of the US states are occupied by people whose native language isn't Spanish and they too deserve to have health insurance. I am Kaitlyn Munoz, the daughter of an immigrant family who happened to be born here, in America. It's sad to see how my own family can't really have the health insurance they need especially for all my siblings. There are countless of families who are in need to this health insurance. Everyone deserves health insurance, just like you have one. Sir.

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From: [Carmen Molina](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 5:49:42 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 5:10:07 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I am a Mechanical Engineer from the United Kingdom.

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stephen-cardwell

From: [Bertha Jara](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 3:48:17 PM

Department of Health ,

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My name is Bertha Jara, and I live 30 years ago in NYC, We deserve your support about this powerful campaign Coverage 4 All.

NYC is a big city with 120 and many more billionaires, that's not possible that a lot of ppl from our communities are suffering pain and sickness and other members of our communities are dying cause they don't have a health insurance. Governor Hochul that's not fair!! Please sign our legislation and be a real and authentic Governor to all!!

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From: [Ingrid Pedraza](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 2:22:22 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Ingrid Pedraza and I live in Brooklyn. I need health coverage for all because I am only eligible for Emergency Medicaid and that does not cover any medical treatments or medicines. It would be best for everyone to have access to health coverage.

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From: [Daniela Maxi](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 1:51:19 PM

Department of Health ,

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Daniela Maxi

From: [Cristian Guasco](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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Department of Health ,

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Cristian Guasco

From: [Carlos Moyota](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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Department of Health ,

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Carlos Moyota

From: [Patricio Munoz](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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Department of Health ,

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Patricio Munoz

From: [Javier Campoverde](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 1:14:19 PM

Department of Health ,

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My name is Javier and I live in the Brooklyn area. Considering the time we are living in immigrants are having a rough time so I think it would be of great help for my family members and friends to have access to medical coverage.

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From: [Maria Rubio](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 1:14:16 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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From: rachel.godbout
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To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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From: [ARACELLY CANTOS](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 1:04:39 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Aracelly Cantos, I have been working several years w/ my community and I think the #Coverage4All campaign is a really important support to them; so Governor Hochul you should remember your promise. The time is now!! Health insurance is a HUMAN RIGHT!! and their health can't wait!! We know that SI SE PUEDE, but you don't want to do it!! The ppl United we never be defeated!!

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From: [Mariabelen Jimbo](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
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Mariabelen Jimbo

From: [Maria Lane](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 1:03:19 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Maria, I am from the Brooklyn community and am concerned with the lack of or limitations to medical coverage access in my community. Often our community has to go without medical attention which increases illness and up to fatalities.

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From: [Wayner Jimbo](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 1:01:40 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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No human being should be deprived the right and/or access to seek medical services when needed. By excluding our immigrant communities from health coverage you are excluding the people who day and night work hard to support New York City's economy. Without access to health services how are they supposed to stay healthy and continue to provide for their families. If the pandemic hasn't shown you how indispensable it is for everyone to have access to medical services I am not sure what will!

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From: [Mary Castano](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 12:48:55 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health, Hi Governor Hochul/

Im writing about the 1332, last year your promised to for funding to expanding the very important plan to cover all that have low - income. You know how important is this for millions of people to provide insurance specially after Covid-19 the emigrants need assistance health insurance

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From: [Briallen Hopper](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 12:48:36 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

As a professor at Queens College, CUNY, I have many students whose families are harmed by lack of access to healthcare. Their lives, jobs, and educations are made difficult or impossible when they can't get the care they need.

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From: [Maritza Puma](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 12:37:39 PM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

My name is Maritza Puma, I live in the Queens area. Working with a diverse community and seeing the health disparities it is hard for community members to access necessary health services. Being afraid to go to the Dr because you don't have health insurance should not be a persons fear. Health insurances should be accessed to everyone.

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From: [ARACELLY CANTOS](#)
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Ana Cruz

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Maria Lane

From: [Yamile Henry](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 11:58:53 AM

Department of Health ,

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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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Department of Health ,

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From: [Silvia Rivera](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 11:31:07 AM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Monica Gonzalez](#)
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Monica Gonzalez

From: [Rachel Pena](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 11:15:37 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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I am Rachel and I am from Brooklyn. With health coverage I would be able to have access to a doctor. Without it I simply wouldn't have the money for it, it costs too much.

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From: [Rehan Mehmood](#)
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Rehan Mehmood

From: [Lydia Vasquez](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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Hi, my name is Lydia Vasquez. I come from a family who consistently struggles to have access to medical services. It's not fair they are not able to seek a doctor just because of their immigration status.

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From: [Nancy Chillagona](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 10:43:35 AM

Department of Health ,

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From: [Luis Romero](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 10:39:03 AM

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I am no longer keeping up with my health check-ups because the last time I went, I had to pay more than \$200.00 for the visit. I am no longer getting checked with a doctor because I have a family I need to feed and take care of and my income is not enough to pay for medical services.

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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 10:34:51 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

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My name is Jonathan Sanchez and I live in Brooklyn. I do not have health coverage - only Emergency Medicaid and that is very limited in its services. I also do not have a stable job and cannot afford to pay for medical services. That is why I support health coverage for all.

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From: [Jazmine Sanchez](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 10:30:45 AM

Department of Health ,

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I want all immigrants to have health coverage. I am an immigrant living in Brooklyn and it is difficult for me to access medical services and it is really necessary for my health.

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Jazmine Sanchez

From: [Edgardo Hoyos](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 10:25:05 AM

Department of Health ,

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Department of Health ,

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I am Latino. It is very important to have health insurance because without it, they will not assist you or help you. In the chance they do see you at a hospital, you are left as one of the last patients. And if you go to a clinic, they will not even register you.

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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 9:47:08 AM

Department of Health ,

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People should not be excluded simply because they were not born here. Regardless of their status, everyone in NYC contributes to the economy, works hard, has family to take care of, and needs to be able to live a healthy and secure life. Health coverage is essential for all New Yorkers!!!

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From: [Gabina Santamaria](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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From: [Stephanie Cuellar](#)
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From: [Karina Albistegui Adler](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 9:04:32 PM

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From: [Cory Pinckard](#)
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From: [ailema](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 5:56:38 PM

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To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
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Date: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 3:29:22 PM

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To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 3:20:41 PM

Department of Health ,

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Mark Hannay

From: [Amanda Lugg](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 2:57:55 PM

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eliminate.

Increasing the number of insured New Yorkers will improve community health outcomes and economic security.

Which means we all win.

Immigrant New Yorkers win. New York wins.

Sincerely,

Amanda Lugg

From: [Amanda Dunker](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
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From: [Sandhya Pradhan](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
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To: doh.sm.NYSOH.Team
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From: [Stephanie Zaiantz](#)
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From: [Alyson Shotz](#)
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From: [Geraldine Phillip](#)
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From: [Nevien Swailmyeen](#)
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Carmen Hendershott

From: bromeromsw
To: doh.sm.NYSOH.Team
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 10:25:17 AM

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From: [Arielle Wisbaum](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 10:12:53 AM

Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I'm an immigration attorney serving Trans, Gender non-Conforming, intersex, and HIV-positive low-income immigrant New Yorkers. I have seen how quickly the health of undocumented folks can deteriorate through piecemeal emergency room services, or lack of healthcare all together. Please ensure that these disparities end.

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From: [Alan Podber](#)
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From: [Li Sian Goh](#)
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To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 6:37:05 AM

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Date: Monday, February 20, 2023 10:32:50 PM

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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Monday, February 20, 2023 7:32:18 PM

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Luisa Cuautle

From: [Diana Praus](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
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From: A.L. Steiner

Sent: Monday, February 20, 2023 7:14 PM

To: doh.sm.NYSOH.Team <NYSOH.Team@health.ny.gov>

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Yvonne Fogarty

From: [Romona Czichos-Slaughter](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
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Dawn Broadbent

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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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America is a country of "Immigrants", but in our current state of economic affairs, there are far too many AMERICANS who need help and are not getting it due to funds being spent on people here illegally. AMERICA NEEDS TO HELP AMERICANS FIRST! When our homeless are housed, our starving fed, our mentally ill getting help, and our poverty stricken given A HAND UP, we can then help all others in need.....but not until we help our own first! Again, thank you.

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Susan Micheline

From: [Jerry Rivers](#)
To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Friday, February 17, 2023 12:35:51 PM

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From: [Berenice Arriaga](#)
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Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
Date: Thursday, February 16, 2023 4:28:35 PM

Department of Health ,

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To: [doh.sm.NYSOH.Team](#)
Subject: Federal Funds Should be Used to Pay for Healthcare Coverage For All.
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Department of Health ,

Dear Governor Hochul/Department of Health,

I am writing to oppose the 1332 State Innovation Waiver application because it excludes immigrants.

Last year, you promised to reach out to the federal government to file a federal Waiver to ask for funding to expand the Essential Plan to cover all low-income New Yorkers—including immigrants. Including immigrants in the Waiver application will cost the state nothing, and in fact, generate budget savings. The State's Waiver application should use the existing \$9 billion surplus and expected annual surplus in the federally funded Basic Health Plan / Essential Plan Trust Fund to pay for expanded coverage for immigrants. As you are aware, federal rules say this trust fund can only be used to pay for health insurance coverage.

Providing health insurance for immigrant communities – including hundreds of thousands of essential workers who have kept our state functioning during a three-year pandemic – is both morally and fiscally responsible. Expanding coverage would come at no cost to the state and would avoid \$500 million in annual Emergency Medicaid costs incurred when uninsured patients seek emergency care at our hospitals. It would also increase revenues for our health care providers by providing them essential plan rates instead of Medicaid (which is lower) and reduce the amount of uncompensated care they provide.

New York should join leaders like Colorado, Illinois, Washington, and California in recognizing health insurance as a human right by extending coverage to immigrant communities.

We are all safer in the face of global public health threats when everyone has access to quality preventive healthcare. Including immigrants in the 1332 Wavier is both economically sensible and the right thing to do.

Unless you revise the State Innovation Waiver application to include New York's immigrants and include this provision in the FY24 state budget, I oppose the State's Waiver application.

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